# Ruby - Bug #1775

## autoconf failing on cygwin

07/14/2009 03:47 PM - duerst (Martin Dürst)

Status: Closed

**Priority:** Normal

Assignee: nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

Target version:

ruby -v: ruby 1.8.7 (2008-08-11 patchlevel 72)

[i386-cygwin]

Backport:

#### Description

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On a pristine anonymous svn checkout of trunk head, I'm not able to run autoconf successfully. The error message I'm getting is as follows:

/usr/bin/m4:configure.in:YYY: cannot create temporary file for diversion: Permission denied autom4te-2.63: /usr/bin/m4 failed with exit status: 1

In the above, YYY is changing every time I run autoconf. Numbers I get, among others: 968, 957, 970, 959, 932, 1153, 941, 1106, 1212, 1197, 932, 967, 957, 1056, 941, 959, 959, 960, 931, 959, 957, 931, 933, 1282, 959, 1153, 957, 960, 973, 957, 1153,...

I'm not an expert in autoconf or m4, and I don't see any commonalities in the lines listed above in configure.in.

Occasionally (maybe once in 10 times), I get an additional message (the last 6 letters of the directory name being different every time):

/usr/bin/m4: cannot remove temporary directory /tmp/m4-jZWJbn: Directory not empty

But a simple 'rmdir' for that directory from a cygwin console removes that directory.

This is on cygwin on Windows Vista, on a dual core machine. I first was assuming a permission problem, but that would not show up with such a random pattern, and it seems all the relevant permissions are okay. Now I'm suspecting a racing condition between the two cores, but that's just a wild guess.

Any advice/help very much appreciated.

Regards, Martin.

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#### History

### #1 - 07/15/2009 01:14 PM - duerst (Martin Dürst)

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On 2009/07/14 22:23, Roger Pack wrote:

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Does trunk fail? Did the last released patch version fail?

Yes, the trunk fails. Currently ar revision 24115. Some other linenumbers in configure.in that I got this morning: 1532, 2105 (never got that high so far), 1010.

As for 'latest released patch', what exactly do you mean? Is there a patch that isn't in trunk yet? If yes, where can I get it?

Regards, Martin.

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## #2 - 07/15/2009 02:50 PM - duerst (Martin Dürst)

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On 2009/07/15 14:02, Roger Pack wrote:

As for 'latest released patch', what exactly do you mean? Is there a patch that isn't in trunk yet? If yes, where can I get it?

latest 187 patch number from ftp://ftp.ruby-lang.org/pub/ruby/

Many thanks for your help! I downloaded and untared ruby-1.8.7-p174.tar.gz. I get exactly the same problem, /usr/bin/m4 complaining that it cannot create a temparary file when processing configure.in when running autoconf.

Some of the line numbers I get this time: 1832, 1832, 1793, 1832, 1735, 1372, 1806, 1832,...

That looks somewhat different than for trunk: the line numbers are higher, and less scattered. But the basics are the same.

Please note that I'm only interested in trunk, but I'm happy to experiment with other versions if there's any chance to get some insight into this problem that way.

Regards, Martin.

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### #3 - 07/15/2009 06:56 PM - neomjp (neomjp neomjp)

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Hi,

Autoconf works fine for me here (cygwin-1.7 on XP). This error looks more like a problem about cygwin and your environment than about ruby. Several messages in cygwin lists suggest that this may be caused by some interference from some antivirus software.

http://sourceware.org/ml/cygwin/2007-05/msg00679.html (Eric Blake is the cygwin m4 maintainer) http://sourceware.org/ml/cygwin/2008-03/msg00577.html

http://sourceware.org/ml/cvgwin-xfree/2008-12/msg00039.html

Do you have installed any of the softwares listed in <a href="http://cygwin.com/faq/faq.using.html#faq.using.bloda">http://cygwin.com/faq/faq.using.html#faq.using.bloda</a> =end

## #4 - 07/16/2009 03:25 PM - yugui (Yuki Sonoda)

- Assignee set to nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

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## #5 - 07/16/2009 04:30 PM - duerst (Martin Dürst)

- Status changed from Open to Closed

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Switching off on-access virus checks for disk writes (still keeping them for disk reads) with MacAffee solved this problem. Thanks everybody for their help, in particular neomjp neomjp.

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