

Ruby - Feature #3620

Add Queue, SizedQueue and ConditionVariable implementations in C in addition to ruby ones

07/28/2010 02:51 AM - panaggio (Ricardo Panaggio)

Status:	Closed	
Priority:	Normal	
Assignee:	ko1 (Koichi Sasada)	
Target version:	2.6	
Description		
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It has already been discussed on ruby-core (see ruby-core:31100).		
This patch is one of the deliverables of my RubySoC project (slot #17): "Improving Ruby's Synchronization Primitives and Core Libraries" [2,3]		
[1] http://github.com/panaggio/rubysoc-2010/blob/master/benchmarks/queue.rb		
[2] http://pastebin.com/viSnfge6		
[3] http://rubysoc.org/projects		
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Associated revisions

Revision e334bb2ce5d8876b020ab681f21595e2e1c9d601 - 09/06/2013 03:15 PM - Glass_saga (Masaki Matsushita)

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History

#1 - 06/26/2011 01:30 PM - akr (Akira Tanaka)

- Project changed from 8 to Ruby
- Category changed from ext to ext

#2 - 12/17/2011 10:00 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

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<http://blade.nagaokaut.ac.jp/cgi-bin/scat.rb/ruby/ruby-talk/391324>

#3 - 12/17/2011 10:23 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

Issue [#3620](#) has been updated by Eric Wong.

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<http://redmine.ruby-lang.org/issues/3620>

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#4 - 03/18/2012 05:52 PM - nahi (Hiroshi Nakamura)

- Description updated

- Assignee set to ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

#5 - 03/18/2012 06:46 PM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned

#6 - 03/19/2012 04:46 AM - funny_falcon (Yura Sokolov)

Related issue (but about plain ruby realization)

<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/6174>

#7 - 06/26/2012 04:35 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

Sorry for absent from this request.

Eric, can this patch work fine on current trunk?

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#8 - 06/26/2012 09:53 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

"ko1 (Koichi Sasada)" redmine@ruby-lang.org wrote:

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Yes, I just tested final-queue.patch with current trunk (r36217) and it works.

The .gitignore hunk in the patch can be ignored, everything else creates a new file and doesn't conflict.

This is Richard's patch, btw. I'm not sure if Richard still pays attention to Ruby (haven't seen any activity from him in a while).

push/pop are still significantly faster on current trunk with the queue.rb benchmark:

	user	system	total	real
Q#push	0.640000	0.000000	0.640000 (0.642801)	
T#push	0.200000	0.000000	0.200000 (0.197539)	
Q#pop	1.390000	0.000000	1.390000 (1.393139)	
T#pop	0.230000	0.000000	0.230000 (0.228802)	

(<https://raw.github.com/panaggio/rubysoc-2010/master/benchmarks/queue.rb>)

#9 - 06/26/2012 04:18 PM - funny_falcon (Yura Sokolov)

- File `final_queue_without_mutex.diff` added

It seems that there is no need for mutex in a native queue implementation (considering we have GVL), and so that `queue_synchronized` wrapper:
`rb_mutex_sleep` could be replaced with `rb_thread_sleep_forever` without semantic change.

Without mutex, native queue becomes 2 times faster.
Modified patch is attached.

#10 - 06/29/2012 05:53 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

Hi,

(2012/06/26 16:18), funny_falcon (Yura Sokolov) wrote:

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I found a bug.

begin sample code

```
q = Thread::Queue.new
#q = Queue.new
th1 = Thread.new{
  begin
    p [:th1, q.pop]
    rescue RuntimeError => e
    sleep
  p e
  end
}
th2 = Thread.new{
  sleep 0.1
  p [:th2, q.pop]
}
p [th1, th2]
sleep 0.5
th1.raise "async interrupt!"
sleep 0.5
q << :s
```

th1.join

```
p [th1, th2]
th2.join      # BLOCK forever!
```

end sample code

When `th1` escapes from blocking by "pop" by exception, then waiting list of `Queue` should be maintained (remove `th1` from waiting list).

Other comment:

- "extthread" is good name?
- variable name

```
static void
wakeup_all_threads(VALUE list)
{
  VALUE thread, list0 = list;
  long i;
```

```
  list = rb_ary_subseq(list, 0, LONG_MAX);
  rb_ary_clear(list0);
  for (i = 0; i < RARRAY_LEN(list); ++i) {
```

```

thread = RARRAY_PTR(list)[i];
rb_thread_wakeup_alive(thread);
}
RB_GC_GUARD(list);

}

```

I prefer:

```

static void
wakeup_all_threads(VALUE list0)
{
  VALUE thread, list = rb_ary_subseq(list0, 0, LONG_MAX);
  long i;

  rb_ary_clear(list0);
  for (i = 0; i < RARRAY_LEN(list); ++i) {
    thread = RARRAY_PTR(list)[i];
    rb_thread_wakeup_alive(thread);
  }
  RB_GC_GUARD(list);
}

```

But I prefer more:

```

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  VALUE thread;
  long i;

  for (i = 0; i < RARRAY_LEN(list); ++i) {
    thread = RARRAY_PTR(list)[i];
    rb_thread_wakeup_alive(thread);
  }
  rb_ary_clear(list);
}

```

Any reason to dup array before iteration?

- T_DATA -> T_STRUCT or T_OBJECT

In this case, you don't need to use T_DATA. You can only use T_STRUCT or T_OBJECT (with hidden attr). Maybe it will be simple.

Thanks,
Koichi

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<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/3620#change-27471>

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#11 - 09/22/2012 09:00 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
 ping.

#12 - 10/30/2012 08:39 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
 - Target version set to 2.6

ping.
 I think it can be introduce into Ruby 2.0 if there is a nice implementation.

#13 - 05/17/2013 10:59 PM - Glass_saga (Masaki Matsushita)
 - File patch.diff added

I fixed some bugs:

- (1) blocking forever bug pointed out by ko1 in [\[ruby-core:45950\]](#)
- (2) SEGV in do_sleep()
- (3) SizedQueue's bug which is similar to (1)

Now, the C implementation passes test-all.
Following diff is from final_queue_without_mutex.diff to my patch.

```
diff --git a/ext/thread/thread.c b/ext/thread/thread.c
index 9aff5e5..33365c1 100644
--- a/ext/thread/thread.c
+++ b/ext/thread/thread.c
@@ -150,7 +150,7 @@ static VALUE
do_sleep(VALUE args)
{
    struct sleep_call *p = (struct sleep_call *)args;

    • return rb_funcall(p->argv[0], rb_intern("sleep"), p->argc-1, p->argv+1);

    • return rb_funcall(p->argv[0], rb_intern("sleep"), p->argc-1, p->argv[1]); /* (2) */
}

static VALUE
@@ -339,15 +339,31 @@ rb_queue_push(VALUE self, VALUE obj)
return self;
}

+struct waiting_delete {

    • VALUE waiting;
    • VALUE th;
    +};

+static VALUE
+queue_delete_from_waiting(struct waiting_delete *p)
+{

    • rb_ary_delete(p->waiting, p->th);
    • return Qnil;
    +}

static VALUE
queue_do_pop(Queue *queue, VALUE should_block)
{

    • while (!RARRAY_LEN(queue->que)) {

    • struct waiting_delete args;

    • while (RARRAY_LEN(queue->que) == 0) {
        if (!(int)should_block) {
            rb_raise(rb_eThreadError, "queue empty");
        }

    • [REDACTED]

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    }

    return rb_ary_shift(queue->que);
@@ -590,9 +606,14 @@ rb_squeue_max_set(VALUE self, VALUE vmax)
static VALUE
squeue_do_push(SizedQueue *squeue, VALUE obj)
```



```

index 33365c1..f2d17e9 100644
--- a/ext/thread/thread.c
+++ b/ext/thread/thread.c
@@ -142,15 +142,17 @@ rb_condvar_initialize(VALUE self)
}

struct sleep_call {

    • int argc;
    • VALUE *argv;

    • VALUE mutex;
    • VALUE timeout;
};

+static ID id_sleep;
+
static VALUE
do_sleep(VALUE args)
{
    struct sleep_call *p = (struct sleep_call *)args;

    • return rb_funcall(p->argv[0], rb_intern("sleep"), p->argc-1, p->argv[1]);

    • return rb_funcall2(p->mutex, id_sleep, 1, &p->timeout);
}

static VALUE
@@ -173,12 +175,16 @@ static VALUE
rb_condvar_wait(int argc, VALUE *argv, VALUE self)
{
    VALUE waiters = get_condvar_ptr(self)->waiters;

    • VALUE mutex, timeout;
    struct sleep_call args;

    • args.argc = argc;
    • args.argv = argv;

    • rb_scan_args(argc, argv, "11", &mutex, &timeout);

    • args.mutex = mutex;
    • args.timeout = timeout;
    rb_ary_push(waiters, rb_thread_current());
    rb_ensure(do_sleep, (VALUE)&args, delete_current_thread, waiters);
    • return self;
}

@@ -607,7 +613,6 @@ static VALUE
szqueue_do_push(SizedQueue *szqueue, VALUE obj)
{
    struct waiting_delete args;

    • VALUE thread;

    while (queue_length(&szqueue->queue_) >= szqueue->max) {
        args.waiting = szqueue->queue_wait;
        @@ -699,6 +704,8 @@ Init_thread(void)
        VALUE rb_cQueue = DEFINE_CLASS_UNDER_THREAD(Queue, rb_cObject);
        VALUE rb_cSizedQueue = DEFINE_CLASS_UNDER_THREAD(SizedQueue, rb_cQueue);

    • id_sleep = rb_intern("sleep");
    • rb_define_alloc_func(rb_cConditionVariable, condvar_alloc);
    rb_define_method(rb_cConditionVariable, "initialize", rb_condvar_initialize, 0);
    rb_define_method(rb_cConditionVariable, "wait", rb_condvar_wait, -1);

```

#17 - 08/29/2013 06:54 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

- *File thread.c added*

I rewrite to use T_STRUCT instead of T_DATA (attached).

Matsushita-san:
Could you check it?

Issue:

With ext/thraed/thread.c instead of lib/thread.rb, we can't install ruby itself.

- (1) rbinstall.rb is invoked with miniruby
- (2) rbinstall.rb requires rubygems.rb
- (3) rubygems.rb requires lib/rubygems/core_ext/kernel_require.rb
- (4) lib/rubygems/core_ext/kernel_require.rb requires lib/monitor.rb
- (5) lib/monitor.rb requires thread.rb

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#18 - 08/30/2013 02:23 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

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Another solution is to embed thread.rb features (CV and Queue) as embeded classes.

I prefer this with no extra .so. Too many .so files hurts load time.
Just leave an empty thread.rb for compatibility.

#19 - 08/30/2013 02:53 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

(2013/08/30 12:14), SASADA Koichi wrote:

A patch for this approach:

<http://www.atdot.net/sp/raw/m5xbsm>

Note that last patch does not care about deadlock detection.

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#20 - 08/30/2013 03:29 PM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

(13/08/29 18:54), ko1 (Koichi Sasada) wrote:

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#21 - 08/30/2013 08:53 PM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

(13/08/30 15:26), Nobuyoshi Nakada wrote:

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Since tool/rbinstall.rb replaces \$:, it doesn't work as-is.

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diff --git a/common.mk b/common.mk
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+++ b/common.mk
```

```
@@ -123,7 +123,7 @@ SCRIPT_ARGS = --dest-dir="$(DESTDIR)"
--make-flags="$(MAKEFLAGS)"
EXTMK_ARGS = $(SCRIPT_ARGS) --extension $(EXTS) --extstatic $(EXTSTATIC)
--make-flags="V=$(V) MINIRUBY=$(MINIRUBY)" --
-INSTRUBY = $(SUDO) $(MINIRUBY) $(srcdir)/tool/rbinstall.rb
+INSTRUBY = $(SUDO) $(RUNRUBY) -r./$(arch)-fake $(srcdir)/tool/rbinstall.rb
INSTRUBY_ARGS = $(SCRIPT_ARGS)
--data-mode=$(INSTALL_DATA_MODE)
--prog-mode=$(INSTALL_PROG_MODE)
@@ -449,7 +449,7 @@ post-no-install-doc::
```

CLEAR_INSTALLED_LIST = clear-installed-list

```
-install-prereq: $(CLEAR_INSTALLED_LIST) PHONY
+install-prereq: $(CLEAR_INSTALLED_LIST) yes-fake PHONY
```

```
clear-installed-list: PHONY
@> $(INSTALLED_LIST) set MAKE="$(MAKE)"
```

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Nobu Nakada

#22 - 09/05/2013 08:52 PM - Glass_saga (Masaki Matsushita)

- *File patch3.diff added*

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#23 - 09/05/2013 09:59 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

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#24 - 09/07/2013 12:15 AM - Anonymous

- *Status changed from Assigned to Closed*
- *% Done changed from 0 to 100*

This issue was solved with changeset r42862.
Ricardo, thank you for reporting this issue.
Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated.
May Ruby be with you.

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#25 - 09/13/2013 03:23 AM - kosaki (Motohiro KOSAKI)

(9/5/13 8:55 AM), SASADA Koichi wrote:

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<http://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/7923>

#26 - 09/18/2013 06:23 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

(2013/09/13 3:03), KOSAKI Motohiro wrote:

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<http://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/7923>

I feel "making trap safe Queue (Feature [#7923](#))" and embedding Queue class is not same.

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Files			
final-queue.patch	18 KB	07/28/2010	panaggio (Ricardo Panaggio)
final_queue_without_mutex.diff	16.7 KB	06/26/2012	funny_falcon (Yura Sokolov)
patch.diff	24.3 KB	05/17/2013	Glass_saga (Masaki Matsushita)
patch2.diff	24.4 KB	05/22/2013	Glass_saga (Masaki Matsushita)
thread.c	12.4 KB	08/29/2013	ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
patch3.diff	23 KB	09/05/2013	Glass_saga (Masaki Matsushita)