

## Ruby - Bug #6249

### Process.exec doesn't restore the environment if it fails

04/03/2012 08:06 AM - john\_firebaugh (John Firebaugh)

<b>Status:</b> Closed	
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b> akr (Akira Tanaka)	
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>ruby -v:</b> ruby 1.9.3p125 (2012-02-16 revision 34643) [x86_64-darwin11.3.0]	<b>Backport:</b>
<b>Description</b>	
<pre>ENV["foo"] =&gt; nil Process.exec({"foo" =&gt; "bar"}, "nonexistent") Errno::ENOENT: No such file or directory - nonexistent from (irb):2:in exec' from (irb):2 from /Users/john/.rvm/rubies/ruby-1.9.3-p125/bin/irb:16:in ' ENV["foo"] =&gt; "bar"</pre>	
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#### Associated revisions

##### Revision f4f28bf75f0aa534de3b1edcf46c8a6ee905e9af - 06/03/2012 08:29 AM - akr (Akira Tanaka)

- use execve() to preserve environment variables when exec method is failed. [ruby-core:44093] [ruby-trunk - Bug #6249]
- include/ruby/intern.h (rb\_exec\_arg): add envp\_str and envp\_buf field to store envp of execve().
- process.c (proc\_exec\_v): takes envp\_str as an argument and use it for execve().  
(rb\_proc\_exec\_ne): extended version of rb\_proc\_exec\_n().  
(rb\_proc\_exec\_n): use rb\_proc\_exec\_ne().  
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(fill\_envp\_buf\_i): new function.  
(rb\_exec\_arg\_fixup): set up envp\_str and envp\_buf.  
(save\_env\_i): removed.  
(save\_env): removed.  
(rb\_run\_exec\_options\_err): don't modify environment variables.  
(rb\_exec\_err): use rb\_proc\_exec\_ne().

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##### Revision f4f28bf7 - 06/03/2012 08:29 AM - akr (Akira Tanaka)

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#### Revision 2493e48d40bb984f315be0e478bf3b9f0dec588c - 06/04/2012 02:36 AM - U.Nakamura

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## History

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### #1 - 04/04/2012 06:23 PM - akr (Akira Tanaka)

2012/4/3 john\_firebaugh (John Firebaugh) [john.firebaugh@gmail.com](mailto:john.firebaugh@gmail.com):

```
ENV["foo"]
=> nil
Process.exec({"foo" => "bar"}, "nonexistent")
Errno::ENOENT: No such file or directory - nonexistent
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I see.

## I think Process.exec should use execve.

Tanaka Akira

### #2 - 04/10/2012 02:38 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Assignee set to akr (Akira Tanaka)

### #3 - 06/03/2012 05:29 PM - akr (Akira Tanaka)

- Status changed from Assigned to Closed

- % Done changed from 0 to 100

This issue was solved with changeset r35882.

John, thank you for reporting this issue.

Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated.

May Ruby be with you.

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- use `execve()` to preserve environment variables when `exec` method is failed. [\[ruby-core:44093\]](#) [ruby-trunk - Bug [#6249](#)]
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