## Ruby - Bug #6629

# [PATCH] io.c: avoid rb\_thread\_wait\_fd() if we may call rb\_io\_wait\_readable()

06/23/2012 12:04 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

Status: Closed
Priority: Normal

Assignee: kosaki (Motohiro KOSAKI)

Target version:

**ruby -v:** ruby 2.0.0dev (2012-06-23 trunk 36192)

[x86 64-linux]

Backport:

#### Description

Blindly calling rb\_thread\_wait\_fd() is an extra, unnecessary system call in some cases. Since we already call rb\_io\_wait\_readable() when encountering EAGAIN, there is no user-visible change in behavior and a small potential for speedup by avoiding a system call (especially on regular filesystem that should never return EAGAIN/EINTR).

This also helps avoid triggering a bugs on some buggy (ancient) Linux kernels. I encountered this issue[1] on a CentOS 5.7 machine running the 2.6.18-274.7.1.el5 kernel. Upgrading to the 2.6.18-308.8.2.el5 kernel fixes the issue.

This Linux kernel regression I encountered was introduced with commit 786d7e1612f0b0adb6046f19b906609e4fe8b1ba (Jul 15 2007) and fixed in

commit dd23aae4f5edf4e1dbd8f7f8013a754ba3253f48 (Sep 11 2007) I've verified the dd23aae4f5edf4e1dbd8f7f8013a754ba3253f48 change is present in the 2.6.18-308.8.2.el5 (working) kernel but not in the 2.6.18-274.7.1.el5 (broken) kernel.

I realize this is a 5 year-old (fixed) bug in Linux, but I also believe Ruby is is wrong to call select()/ppoll() before encountering EAGAIN.

[1] http://mid.gmane.org/20120621004402.GA7450@dcvr.yhbt.net

Note: I left IO#sysread unchanged (with just a comment) since removing rb\_thread\_wait\_fd() there would change semantics (as would handling EAGAIN explicitly).

### **Associated revisions**

Revision 3df2fc2da8ee34ad0b923e42b3fcdc8daf391370 - 09/09/2012 07:20 AM - kosaki (Motohiro KOSAKI)

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#### History

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### #1 - 07/01/2012 10:29 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Assignee set to kosaki (Motohiro KOSAKI)

## #2 - 09/09/2012 04:20 PM - kosaki (Motohiro KOSAKI)

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

This issue was solved with changeset r36931. Eric, thank you for reporting this issue. Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated. May Ruby be with you.

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### **Files**

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