# Ruby - Bug #21289

# Fix C level backtraces for USE ELF

04/28/2025 05:26 PM - dodecadaniel (Daniel Colson)

Status: Closed

**Priority:** Normal

Assignee:

Target version:

ruby -v: ruby 3.4.3 (2025-04-14 revision **Backport:** 3.2: UNKNOWN, 3.3: UNKNOWN, 3.4:

d0b7e5b6a0) +PRISM [x86\_64-linux] DOI

### Description

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#### **Associated revisions**

### Revision 48a360ba - 05/01/2025 11:58 PM - dodecadaniel (Daniel Colson)

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Then we get to <a href="https://github.com/ruby/ruby/blob/58e3aa02240a9ec1b5fe6ce60d63828c2cf0c73a/addr2line.c#L2649">https://github.com/ruby/ruby/blob/58e3aa02240a9ec1b5fe6ce60d63828c2cf0c73a/addr2line.c#L2649</a>,

and potentially (depending on how things were run) get back "ruby" as info.dli\_fname instead of the absolute path for the executable. We set

that as the binary\_filename and then try to open it inside the next

call to fill\_lines, but that fails (unless you happen to be in the

directory where the ruby executable lives) and break out of filling

lines entirely: https://github.com/ruby/ruby/blob/58e3aa02240a9ec1b5fe6ce60d63828c2cf0c73a/addr2line.c#L2673-L2674

This commit treats offset 0 as the main executable, rather than having a special meaning for -1 (which gets turned into 0 anyway).

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#### Revision ac311437 - 05/02/2025 04:02 PM - dodecadaniel (Daniel Colson)

[Backport 3.4] Fix C level backtraces for USE\_ELF

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#### History

#### #1 - 04/28/2025 05:44 PM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

- Backport changed from 3.2: UNKNOWN, 3.3: UNKNOWN, 3.4: UNKNOWN to 3.2: UNKNOWN, 3.3: UNKNOWN, 3.4: REQUIRED

## #2 - 04/28/2025 05:48 PM - dodecadaniel (Daniel Colson)

- Description updated

### #3 - 05/01/2025 11:59 PM - dodecadaniel (Daniel Colson)

- Status changed from Open to Closed

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#### #4 - 05/14/2025 12:13 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

- Backport changed from 3.2: UNKNOWN, 3.3: UNKNOWN, 3.4: REQUIRED to 3.2: UNKNOWN, 3.3: UNKNOWN, 3.4: DONE

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