

## Ruby - Bug #14968

### [PATCH] io.c: make all pipes nonblocking by default

08/06/2018 04:46 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

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| <p>Crap, I always planned to have something like this for [Feature <a href="#">#13618</a>] (auto-Fiber); but introducing a race condition for Timer-thread elimination in [Misc <a href="#">#14937</a>] forced me to introduce this early.</p> <p>Anyways, I might have to revert and reintroduce timer-thread if this change is unacceptable :&lt; (I HATE timer thread)</p> <pre>io.c: make all pipes nonblocking by default</pre> <p>All normal Ruby IO methods (IO#read, IO#gets, IO#write, ...) are all capable of appearing to be "blocking" when presented with a file description with the O_NONBLOCK flag set; so there is little risk of incompatibility within Ruby-using programs.</p> <p>The biggest compatibility risk is when spawning external programs. As a result, stdin, stdout, and stderr are now always made blocking before exec-family calls.</p> <p>Timer-thread elimination in <a href="https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14937">https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14937</a> introduced a race condition in signal handling. It is possible to receive a signal inside BLOCKING_REGION right before read/write syscalls. If this patch cannot be accepted, I will have to revert to reintroduce timer-thread and increase resource use (which led to other failures in the past). The race condition introduced for [Misc <a href="#">#14937</a>] led to rare CI failures on a few tests:</p> <pre>- test/ruby/test_thread.rb (test_thread_timer_and_interrupt):<br/>  http://www.rubyist.net/~akr/chkbuild/debian/ruby-trunk/log/20180805T080500Z.fail.html.gz</pre> <pre>- test/ruby/test_io.rb (test_race_gets_and_close):<br/>  http://ci.rvm.jp/results/trunk@P895/1190369</pre> <p>This change is ALSO necessary to take advantage of (proposed lightweight concurrency (aka "auto-Fiber") or any similar proposal: <a href="https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/13618">https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/13618</a></p> <p>TODO: all sockets and FIFOs non-blocking by default, too</p> |        |                                                           |

#### Associated revisions

Revision [6a65f2b1e479f268489b51a004b6c153c634c68a](#) - 11/22/2018 08:46 AM - Eric Wong

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[ruby-core:89950] [Bug #14968]

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**Revision 8a233ea67b20910c6fc3429d6c30c628c1650255 - 11/22/2018 10:44 PM - Eric Wong**

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<http://ci.rvm.jp/results/trunk-test@ruby-sky3/1473710>

[Bug #14968]

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**Revision c0e20037f3fb16d75b55394e7bf0a1d3ef8b7b87 - 11/24/2018 08:23 AM - Eric Wong**

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**Revision 608b9c29133e6d4c0822f1500e45c2a8073891be - 11/24/2018 07:59 PM - Eric Wong**

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[ruby-core:90042] [ruby-core:90044] [Bug #14968]

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**Revision 9d74d402e15008c10f80e67595cc861c89a1636b - 11/29/2018 08:00 PM - Eric Wong**

disable non-blocking pipes and sockets by default

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[Bug #15356] [Bug #14968]

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## History

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### #1 - 08/06/2018 05:42 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

Bug #14968: [PATCH] io.c: make all pipes nonblocking by default  
<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14968>

Updated patch on top of r64203 since I restored timer-thread :<

<https://80x24.org/spew/20180806053511.2421-1-e@80x24.org/raw>

### #2 - 08/06/2018 09:22 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

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<https://80x24.org/spew/20180806053511.2421-1-e@80x24.org/raw>

Greg, btw, does the above patch work on Windows? In fact, it seems possible to implement io/nonblock for Windows if the non-blocking flag can be cleared successfully on sockets and pipes. I don't know why nobody did it before, though.

### #3 - 08/06/2018 10:04 PM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#)

The patch was fine, but the Appveyor build stopped.

Earlier, r64206 built fine, and I added the patch, which also built on that.

The build log is at

<https://ci.appveyor.com/api/buildjobs/d0s8pbatmb7ax667/log>

I can attach it if that would be helpful. Thanks, Greg

### #4 - 08/06/2018 11:42 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

[Greg.mpls@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.mpls@gmail.com) wrote:

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<https://ci.appveyor.com/api/buildjobs/d0s8pbatmb7ax667/log>

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Thanks, seeing the "ASYNC BUG" and EACCESS was enough. I removed the error checking (not important in that code path) and did some minor cleanups:

<https://80x24.org/spew/20180806231256.14039-1-e@80x24.org/raw>

## #5 - 08/07/2018 02:44 AM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#) Eric,

The zip of all the logs is at

[https://ci.appveyor.com/api/buildjobs/pwyhyvkao2nssxy1/artifacts/zlogs\\_trunk\\_2018-08-07\\_64208.7z](https://ci.appveyor.com/api/buildjobs/pwyhyvkao2nssxy1/artifacts/zlogs_trunk_2018-08-07_64208.7z)

All of the test-all failures show something similar to:

```
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```

The test-spec failures are similar. Test summary below:

```
13 Total Failures/Errors                               Build No 1032    Job Id pwyhyvkao2nssxy1  
  ruby 2.6.0dev (2018-08-07 trunk 64208) [x64-mingw32]  
  2018-08-07 02:29:51 UTC
```

```
test-all 19301 tests, 2250081 assertions, 5 failures, 0 errors, 107 skips, 107 skips shown
```

```
test-spec 3690 files, 28734 examples, 210530 expectations, 2 failures, 4 errors, 0 tagged  
mspec     3690 files, 28736 examples, 210420 expectations, 2 failures, 4 errors, 0 tagged
```

```
test-basic test succeeded  
btest      PASS all 1392 tests
```

## #6 - 08/07/2018 04:12 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

[Greg.mpls@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.mpls@gmail.com) wrote:

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Thanks Greg. The following patch (on top of my previous one) might fix it, but it's a bit dirty. No rush to try it.

```
--- a/process.c  
+++ b/process.c  
@@ -3454,7 +3454,11 @@ rb_execarg_run_options(const struct rb_execarg *eargp, struct rb_execarg *sargp,  
rb_execarg_allocate_dup2_tmpbuf(sargp, RARRAY_LEN(ary));  
}  
}  
-    stdfd_clear_nonblock();  
+    {  
+        int preserve = errno;  
+        stdfd_clear_nonblock();  
+        errno = preserve;  
+    }  
  
return 0;  
}
```

```
13 Total Failures/Errors                               Build No 1032    Job Id pwyhyvkao2nssxy1
```

Anyways, it doesn't seem like the problems from moving from blocking to non-blocking pipes by default are insurmountable and it's another step towards getting lightweight concurrency into Ruby.

## #7 - 08/09/2018 08:30 AM - usa (Usaku NAKAMURA)

BTW, Windows does not have nonblocking pipe.

Yes, we may be able to write emulation layer with overlapped I/O functions, but it's very difficult.

## #8 - 08/09/2018 08:52 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

[usa@garbagecollect.jp](mailto:usa@garbagecollect.jp) wrote:

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Uh oh, really? I saw `rb_w32_set_nonblock()` has `is_pipe()` check and `{Get,Set}NamedPipeHandleState` calls, already, so that's something else?

Yes, we may be able to write emulation layer with overlapped I/O functions, but it's very difficult.

Maybe it's not a big deal to not have non-blocking pipes.

Does win32 have TOCTTOU race in signal handling? All \*nix has this problem, but maybe it's a \*nix-only problem. I see you don't have `ubf_list` like `thread_pthread.c` has.

Thanks.

**#9 - 08/09/2018 08:57 AM - usa (Usaku NAKAMURA)**

Uh oh, really? I saw `rb_w32_set_nonblock()` has `is_pipe()` check and `{Get,Set}NamedPipeHandleState` calls, already, so that's something else?

1. A pipe may be a named pipe, or an anonymous pipe :)
2. The code is not tested.
3. Microsoft says that "Note that nonblocking mode ... should not be used to achieve asynchronous input and output (I/O) with named pipes."

Does win32 have TOCTTOU race in signal handling?

Maybe. But I should note that Windows does not have real signals :P

**#10 - 08/10/2018 12:48 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)**

I guess you are reinventing libuv?  
It claims to support Windows.  
I don't say we should use it but it might be worth looking at.

**#11 - 08/10/2018 02:12 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)**

[shyouhei@ruby-lang.org](mailto:shyouhei@ruby-lang.org) wrote:

I guess you are reinventing libuv?  
It claims to support Windows.

I guess usa can take code from that project (MIT license) for portability.

I'm not sure if non-blocking pipes makes much of a difference for Windows since it doesn't have real signals; and most Ruby API are still synchronous to users.

I don't say we should use it but it might be worth looking at.

Right; event loop design pattern doesn't map to our VM.

**#12 - 11/05/2018 11:33 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)**

<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14968>

Updated patch against r65553 with non-blocking socket support:

<https://80x24.org/spew/20181105231324.24080-1-e@80x24.org/raw>

Greg: It should be hiding errors for Win32 users, but I can't test.

Parallel MJIT, auto-fiber, UBF in `thread_pthread` will be much easier if this change gets accepted.



Basically, auto-fiber/Thread::Light or any similar proposal would be unusable for real-world apps without this change. (users would be forced to add "sock.nonblock=true" to everything, to take advantage of Thread::Light, so it's gross)

**#13 - 11/06/2018 12:28 AM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)**

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#) Eric,

The above patch (v5) passed when added to:

ruby 2.6.0dev (2018-11-06 trunk 65555) [x64-mingw32]

It's not uncommon for a few tests to fail during parallel testing, but normally all pass on retry. It occurs when Appveyor is 'busy'...

The following two tests failed in parallel:

TestIO#test\_readpartial\_lock = 0.26 s = F  
TestJIT#test\_inlined\_undefined\_ivar = 1.54 s = F

Thanks, Greg

**#14 - 11/06/2018 01:03 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)**

[Greg.mpls@gmail.com](#) wrote:

The above patch (v5) passed when added to:

ruby 2.6.0dev (2018-11-06 trunk 65555) [x64-mingw32]

It's not uncommon for a few tests to fail during parallel testing, but normally all pass on retry. It occurs when Appveyor is 'busy'...

The following two tests failed in parallel:

TestIO#test\_readpartial\_lock = 0.26 s = F

Thanks for the info!. Do you have any historical info about the pass/fail rate of these tests in parallel?

Actually, I'm a little surprised test\_readpartial\_lock passes on Linux. I think the test will need to be adjusted for reliability.

TestJIT#test\_inlined\_undefined\_ivar = 1.54 s = F

No idea about that one. Thanks again.

**#15 - 11/06/2018 04:14 AM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)**

normalperson (Eric Wong) wrote:

Do you have any historical info about the pass/fail rate of these tests in parallel?

Yes. Below is a summary of all builds from r64892 2018-10-01 thru r65558, except TestJIT. I assume TestIO & TestThread are the only tests possibly affected by anything you're working on...

Since the patch, TestIO#test\_readpartial\_lock has failed in parallel testing both times (r65555 & r65558).

ruby-loco - Parallel Test Failures - 124 builds

| Qty | Last Rev | Test                                                                       |
|-----|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3   | 65495    | TestGemRemoteFetcher#test_do_not_allow_invalid_client_cert_auth_connection |
| 2   | 65558    | TestIO#test_readpartial_lock                                               |
| 1   | 65526    | TestIO#test_recycled_fd_close                                              |
| 1   | 65424    | TestIOWait#test_ready?                                                     |
| 1   | 65495    | TestIOWait#test_wait                                                       |
| 2   | 65097    | TestNetHTTPKeepAlive#test_keep_alive_server_close                          |
| 1   | 64896_b  | TestThread#test_priority                                                   |
| 3   | 65317    | TestThread#test_thread_interrupt_for_killed_thread                         |
| 2   | 65417    | TestThreadQueue#test_queue_close_multi_multi                               |

**#16 - 11/08/2018 03:43 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)**

[Greg.mpls@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.mpls@gmail.com) wrote:

Yes. Below is a summary of all builds from r64892 2018-10-01 thru r65558, except TestJIT. I assume TestIO & TestThread are the only tests possibly affected by anything you're working on...

Since the patch, TestIO#test\_readpartial\_lock has failed in parallel testing both times (r65555 & r65558).

Thanks for that info; I don't know how test\_readpartial\_lock would've passed on Windows at all, since it seems like IO#nonblock= isn't available on Windows...

Here's a new version of the patch which adds a guard around test\_readpartial\_lock and includes some test-spec fixes:

<https://80x24.org/spew/20181108033144.11416-1-e@80x24.org/raw>

It goes on top of r65619 (which is necessary for this patch under rubyspec).

**#17 - 11/08/2018 11:04 PM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)**

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#) Eric,

Sorry for the delay. The patch passed. I applied it to r65635...

**#18 - 11/22/2018 06:12 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)**

Honestly speaking, we are not sure we can introduce it into Ruby 2.6 (incompatibility, stability and so on).

So please commit it and let's try it.

If we find troubles we can't solve, we may revert them.

Thanks,  
Koichi

**#19 - 11/22/2018 08:47 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)**

- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset trunk|r65922.

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io + socket: make pipes and sockets nonblocking by default

All normal Ruby IO methods (IO#read, IO#gets, IO#write, ...) are all capable of appearing to be "blocking" when presented with a file description with the O\_NONBLOCK flag set; so there is little risk of incompatibility within Ruby-using programs.

The biggest compatibility risk is when spawning external programs. As a result, stdin, stdout, and stderr are now always made blocking before exec-family calls.

This change will make an event-oriented MJIT usable if it is waiting on pipes on POSIX-like platforms.

It is ALSO necessary to take advantage of (proposed lightweight concurrency (aka "auto-Fiber") or any similar proposal for network concurrency: <https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/13618>

Named-pipe (FIFO) are NOT yet non-blocking by default since they are rarely-used and may introduce compatibility problems and extra syscall overhead for a common path.

Please revert this commit if there are problems and if I am afk since I am afk a lot, lately.

[\[ruby-core:89950\]](#) [Bug [#14968](#)]

**#20 - 11/22/2018 09:04 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)**

[ko1@atdot.net](#) wrote:

Honestly speaking, we are not sure we can introduce it into Ruby 2.6 (incompatibility, stability and so on).

Understood, but all sockets in 1.8 relied on non-blocking I/O, too. Most scalability problems are focused on sockets, anyways.

Maybe we can limit the non-blocking to only sockets if nonblocking pipes become a problem for some external process or libraries. I also haven't touched FIFO, yet...

So please commit it and let's try it.  
If we find troubles we can't solve, we may revert them.

OK r65922. Note: I am afk and offline much lately, so feel free to revert fully or partially (e.g. revert pipe-only).

#### #21 - 11/22/2018 09:44 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

r65922 made Travis x86\_64-darwin build fail <https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/jobs/458319172>. Could you take a look at it?

```
1) Failure:
TestSocket_BasicSocket#test_read_write_nonblock [/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/socket/test_basicsocket.rb:163]:
Expected #<TCPSocket:fd 13, AF_INET6, ::1, 51219> to be nonblock?.

Finished tests in 292.162445s, 68.6262 tests/s, 7798.3158 assertions/s.
20050 tests, 2278375 assertions, 1 failures, 0 errors, 61 skips
```

#### #22 - 11/22/2018 10:22 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

[takashikkbn@gmail.com](mailto:takashikkbn@gmail.com) wrote:

r65922 made Travis x86\_64-darwin build fail  
<https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/jobs/458319172>. Could you take a look at it?

I assume below failure is all that is relevant, maybe r65925 fixes it.

Note: I don't use JavaScript regular basis (crap laptop and my eyesight sucks too much for mainstream GUIs), so that Travis URL has no info for me. AFAIK there is a way to get raw log from Travis.

```
1) Failure:
TestSocket_BasicSocket#test_read_write_nonblock [/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/socket/test_basicsocket.rb:163]:
Expected #<TCPSocket:fd 13, AF_INET6, ::1, 51219> to be nonblock?.
```

#### #23 - 11/22/2018 01:07 PM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

Thanks, that's fixed now.

#### #24 - 11/22/2018 02:29 PM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

Well, at the same time you seem to have introduced a bug on Windows. As of r65925 on AppVeyor of both mswin and MinGW, MinGW hangs on test-all's test\_drbbssl, and mswin hangs on some test (it doesn't produce helpful logs).

You can't see AppVeyor that requires JavaScript, but at least you would be able to see <https://rubyci.org/logs/mswinci.jp/azure.com/vc12-x64/ruby-trunk/log/20181122T114828Z.fail.html.gz>. Never mind about JIT's permission denied (known issue), but most of others seem to be related to your change.

Also in a later build (r65928 which looks irrelevant), Travis had another test failure on x86\_64-darwin:

```
S.S....SFLeaked thread: TestIO#test_recycled_fd_close: #<Thread:0x00007f892c9c5c90@/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3777 run>
#<Thread:0x00007f892c9c5c90@/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3777 run> terminated with exception (report_on_exception is true):
Traceback (most recent call last):
 1: from /Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3778:in `block (2 levels) in test_recycled_fd_close'
```

```

/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3778:in `wait_readable': closed stream (IOError)
Finished thread: TestIO#test_reinitialize: #<Thread:0x00007f892c9c5c90@/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3777 dead>
..S..S.S
Retrying...
#<Thread:0x00007fa31c1f7388@/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3777 run> terminated with exception (report_on_exception is true):
Traceback (most recent call last):
  1: from /Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3778:in `block (2 levels) in test_recycled_fd_close'
/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3778:in `wait_readable': stream closed in another thread (IOError)
  1) Failure:
TestIO#test_recycled_fd_close [/Users/travis/build/ruby/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:3814]:
Expected /stream closed/ to match "closed stream".

```

#### #25 - 11/22/2018 03:15 PM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)

ruby-loco built r65909 green, and failed on r65922 and r65927.

Using the r65927 build locally, test\_drb.rb freezes on various tests intermittently:

```

DRbTests::TestDRbAry#test_07_break_18
DRbTests::TestDRbCore#test_07_private_missing
DRbTests::TestDRbYield#test_01_one

```

EDIT: I was mistaken. test\_drbssl.rb intermittently fails also. The one test I've seen fail is:  
 DRbTests::TestDRbSSLCore#test\_07\_send\_missing

I'm trying to narrow the issue, but no luck yet... Greg

#### #26 - 11/22/2018 03:39 PM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)

Further testing (net, openssl, & socket):

```

1) Error:
TestSocket#test_udp_recv_truncation:
Errno::EMSGSIZE: A message sent on a datagram socket was larger than the internal message buffer or some other network limit, or the buffer used to receive a datagram into was smaller than the datagram itself. - recvfrom
(2)
  C:/Greg/GitHub/ruby/test/socket/test_socket.rb:712:in `recv'
  C:/Greg/GitHub/ruby/test/socket/test_socket.rb:712:in `test_udp_recv_truncation'

2) Error:
TestSocket#test_udp_recvmsg_truncation:
Errno::EMSGSIZE: A message sent on a datagram socket was larger than the internal message buffer or some other network limit, or the buffer used to receive a datagram into was smaller than the datagram itself. - recvmsg(
2)
  C:/Greg/Ruby99-x64_bad_27/lib/ruby/2.6.0/socket.rb:427:in `__recvmsg'
  C:/Greg/Ruby99-x64_bad_27/lib/ruby/2.6.0/socket.rb:427:in `recvmsg'
  C:/Greg/GitHub/ruby/test/socket/test_socket.rb:728:in `test_udp_recvmsg_truncation'

3) Error:
TestSocket#test_udp_read_truncation:
Errno::EMSGSIZE: A message sent on a datagram socket was larger than the internal message buffer or some other network limit, or the buffer used to receive a datagram into was smaller than the datagram itself.
  C:/Greg/GitHub/ruby/test/socket/test_socket.rb:698:in `read'
  C:/Greg/GitHub/ruby/test/socket/test_socket.rb:698:in `test_udp_read_truncation'

```

Also, some of the TestNetHTTPS tests timeout.

All the above tests passed on r65909. Thanks, Greg

#### #27 - 11/22/2018 08:12 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14968#change-75083>

Thanks for the reports, I'm trying r65929 to disable non-blocking-by-default on Win32. However, this change may expose existing bugs:

Also, some of the TestNetHTTPS tests timeout.

Maybe there is some deeper problem, because net/http and net/protocol already relies heavily on nonblocking sockets...

**#28 - 11/22/2018 08:32 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)**

<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14968#change-75083>

Thanks for the reports, I'm trying r65929 to disable non-blocking-by-default on Win32. However, this change may expose existing bugs:

Greg: can you try reverting r65929 and applying the following patch to check RB\_WAITFD\_PRI?

<https://80x24.org/spew/20181122202628.2468-1-e@80x24.org/raw>

I guess today is a holiday where you are, so no rush

Thanks.

**#29 - 11/22/2018 10:59 PM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)**

holiday where you are

Yes, but I'm more or less not afk now. JFYI, unless I'm 'pinged', I don't receive messages via email even if I 'watch' the thread, which is a change from a few months ago...

I just built from r65930, and it passed, ruby Appveyor CI failed, but it was due to r65926. So r65929 seems ok.

Anyway, re the above msg, I'll check the patch.

**#30 - 11/23/2018 12:41 AM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)**

- File 14968\_28\_failures\_errors.log added

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#) Eric,

Well, Appveyor testing can be intermittent. After r65931, the following issues in ruby Appveyor CI:

```
mswqin vc140
  1) Failure:
TestIO#test_readpartial_lock [C:/projects/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:1366]:
RuntimeError expected but nothing was raised.

mingw
Retrying...
#<Thread:0x0000000005086a38@C:/projects/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:1364 run> terminated with exception (report_
on_exception is true):
C:/projects/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:1364:in `readpartial': stream closed in another thread (IOError)
from C:/projects/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:1364:in `block (2 levels) in test_readpartial_lock'

  1) Failure:
TestIO#test_readpartial_lock [C:/projects/ruby/test/ruby/test_io.rb:1366]:
RuntimeError expected but nothing was raised.
```

I've attached the test info from the ruby-loco build based on msg #28.

Thanks, Greg

**#31 - 11/23/2018 04:39 AM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)**

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#) Eric,

After a few more builds, the intermittent test failures seem to be:

TestIO#test\_readpartial\_lock  
TestIO#test\_recycled\_fd\_close

These often fail during parallel, occasionally fail during retry.

I've noticed that the bootstraptest suite seems to take about twice as long as before...

Thanks, Greg

**#32 - 11/24/2018 08:52 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)**

[Greg.mpls@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.mpls@gmail.com) wrote:

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#) Eric,

After a few more builds, the intermittent test failures seem to be:  
TestIO#test\_readpartial\_lock

r65948 might help with that one (does IO#nonblock= work for you?)

TestIO#test\_recycled\_fd\_close

r65939, r65940 seem to have fixed the alerts I was getting on this from Linux CI machines.

Fwiw, I consider r65931, r65937, r65939, r65940 and r65948 worthwhile bugfixes and improvements even if r65922 and r65925 to change the default gets reverted.

These often fail during parallel, occasionally fail during retry.

I've noticed that the bootstraptest suite seems to take about twice as long as before...

Do you have any more details on the slowdown (e.g. profiling info?)

Maybe r65948 can help since it reduces GVL activity.

Otherwise, I think we can accept win32 and POSIX-like platforms are too different and deserve different defaults (Same as r65929 for socket):

<https://80x24.org/spew/20181124083700.25685-1-e@80x24.org/raw>

**#33 - 11/24/2018 05:11 PM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)**

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#) Eric,

Do you have any more details on the slowdown (e.g. profiling info?)

I pointed it out thinking it might help with the issues. I concentrated more on determining what's failing in test-all.

Otherwise, I think we can accept win32 and POSIX-like platforms are too different and deserve different defaults (Same as r65929 for socket):

That may be the outcome. You've taken a lot of time with all the code & testing you've done, so thank you.

JFYI, there are currently several tests in test\_io.rb & test\_readpartial.rb that are freezing. Summary below:

test-all failure, errors, & stops

ruby 2.6.0dev (2018-11-24 trunk 65950) [x64-mingw32]

The following tests froze

```
test/ruby/test_io.rb          TestIO
S test_cross_thread_close_fd
S test_read_buffer_error
S test_read_unlocktmp_ensure
S test_readpartial_buffer_error
S test_readpartial_locktmp
S test_readpartial_unlocktmp_ensure
```

```
S test_recycled_fd_close
```

```
test/ruby/test_readpartial.rb      TestReadPartial
S test_open_pipe
S test_with_stdio
```

After commenting out the above tests, here are the errors in three test files.  
I believe the ruby test-all folder passes otherwise.

1) Failure:  
TestThreadQueue#test\_thr\_kill [ruby/test/ruby2/test\_thread\_queue.rb:153]:  
only 0/250 done in 60 seconds.

2) Error:  
TestIO#test\_race\_closed\_stream:  
Timeout::Error: execution of assert\_separately expired timeout (10 sec)  
pid 8996 exit 0  
|

```
ruby/test/ruby2/test_io.rb:3591:in `test_race_closed_stream'
```

3) Error:  
TestIO#test\_cross\_thread\_close\_stdio:  
Timeout::Error: execution of assert\_separately expired timeout (10 sec)  
pid 6044 exit 0  
|

```
ruby/test/ruby2/test_io.rb:2946:in `test_cross_thread_close_stdio'
```

4) Error:  
TestIO#test\_closed\_stream\_in\_rescue:  
Timeout::Error: execution of assert\_separately expired timeout (10 sec)  
pid 7816 exit 0  
|

```
ruby/test/ruby2/test_io.rb:3685:in `test_closed_stream_in_rescue'
```

#### #34 - 11/24/2018 06:02 PM - MSP-Greg (Greg L)

[@normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#) Eric,

Using ruby 2.6.0dev (2018-11-24 trunk 65959) [x64-mingw32], applied the patch in msg 32, passed all tests.

bootstraptest suite is back to mid 40's, it had jumped to mid to high 80's.

Thanks, Greg

#### #35 - 11/24/2018 08:12 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

[Greg.mpls@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.mpls@gmail.com) wrote:

Using ruby 2.6.0dev (2018-11-24 trunk 65959) [x64-mingw32], applied the patch in msg 32, passed all tests.

Thanks, committed as r65962

bootstraptest suite is back to mid 40's, it had jumped to mid to high 80's.

I guess select() overhead is really high on Windows?  
(it's not great on Linux, either, but we can use poll()/ppoll())

#### #36 - 11/29/2018 09:22 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

[ko1@atdot.net](mailto:ko1@atdot.net) wrote:

Honestly speaking, we are not sure we can introduce it into  
Ruby 2.6 (incompatibility, stability and so on).

Doesn't look like we can.

So please commit it and let's try it.  
If we find troubles we can't solve, we may revert them.

Reverted in r66093 because of [Bug #15356]

However, I kept the bugfixes and some infrastructure changes in this patch. So maybe in the future we can enable nonblock on a per-EC basis.

#37 - 12/07/2018 07:22 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14968>

So I'm hoping this can be revisited in the 2.7 timeframe even if I'm not around.

IMHO it's too late for 2.6, now, but [Bug #15356] was resolved and it doesn't seem like this had anything to do with it after all.

#38 - 06/20/2019 11:09 PM - ioquatix (Samuel Williams)

Eric do you mind explaining where we got to with this and how to move forward?

#39 - 06/24/2019 01:53 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

[samuel@oriontransfer.net](mailto:samuel@oriontransfer.net) wrote:

Eric do you mind explaining where we got to with this and how to move forward?

I don't think this patch is doable given potential incompatibilities (and I fixed the problem with timer-thread before 2.6 release).

AFAIK there's also a major performance regression on Windows.

I suggest supporting "nonblock: true" keyword:

```
IO.pipe(nonblock: true)
IO.popen(..., nonblock: true)
```

<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14968#change-78763>

I don't have much time to pay attention to Ruby anymore, but feel free to Cc: me.

#40 - 12/06/2020 06:38 AM - ioquatix (Samuel Williams)

Eric, we implemented the vast majority of this PR but our current implementation makes all I/O non-blocking by default. You laid the ground work for this and made my job much easier. Given that Windows has limited support/performance issues, most I/O is not non-blocking by default on this platform.

Files

|                                                       |         |            |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|
| 0001-io.c-make-all-pipes-nonblocking-by-default.patch | 12.1 KB | 08/06/2018 | normalperson (Eric Wong) |
| 14968_28_failures_errors.log                          | 23.5 KB | 11/23/2018 | MSP-Greg (Greg L)        |