# Ruby - Feature #13697

# [PATCH]: futex based thread primitives

06/29/2017 03:26 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

 Status:
 Assigned

 Priority:
 Normal

 Assignee:
 kosaki (Motohiro KOSAKI)

# Target version: Description

Assigning to kosaki since he wrote the current GVL. I'm hoping single-core vm\_thread\_pass benchmark can be improved, but I'm not sure...

Using bare, Linux-specific futexes instead of relying on NPTL-provided primitives seems to offer some speedups in the more realistic benchmarks which release GVL for IO.

Performance seems stable between multi-core and single-core benchmarks. However, there is still more regressions for single-core systems, but I think it mainly affects esoteric cases. Mainly, the io\_pipe\_rw and vm\_thread\_pipe benchmarks are improved across the board, so I am pretty happy with that.

Some of the performance changes (good or bad) may also be the result of size reductions between the 40-byte NPTL mutex and the 4 byte futex shifting data into a different cache line.

io and thread '-p (\_io\_|thread)' benchmark results on an AMD FX-8320 @ 3.5GHz:

io\_copy\_stream\_write 1.040 io\_copy\_stream\_write\_socket 1.027 io\_file\_create 1.016 io\_file\_read 1.057 io\_file\_write 1.001 io\_nonblock\_noex 1.047 io\_nonblock\_noex2 1.037 io\_pipe\_rw 1.077 io\_select 1.024 io\_select2 1.003 io\_select3 0.991 require\_thread 8.379 1.171 vm\_thread\_alive\_check1 vm\_thread\_close 1.015 vm\_thread\_condvar1 0.979 vm\_thread\_condvar2 1.192 vm\_thread\_create\_join 1.043 vm\_thread\_mutex1 0.985 vm\_thread\_mutex2 1.005 vm\_thread\_mutex3 0.991 4.563 vm\_thread\_pass vm\_thread\_pass\_flood 0.991 1.867 vm\_thread\_pipe 0.995 vm\_thread\_queue 1.050 vm\_thread\_sized\_queue vm\_thread\_sized\_queue2 1.079 vm\_thread\_sized\_queue3 1.073 vm\_thread\_sized\_queue4 1.087

single core (schedtool -a 0x1 -e ...):

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io_copy_stream_write	1.039
io_copy_stream_write_socket	1.012
io_file_create	1.010
io_file_read	1.066
io_file_write	0.999
io_nonblock_noex	1.061
io_nonblock_noex2	1.020
io_pipe_rw	1.101
io_select	1.008
io_select2	1.001
io_select3	0.992
require_thread	1.005
vm_thread_alive_check1	0.938
vm_thread_close	1.135
vm_thread_condvar1	1.145
vm_thread_condvar2	1.134
vm_thread_create_join	1.146
vm_thread_mutex1	0.999
vm_thread_mutex2	0.999
vm_thread_mutex3	1.001
vm_thread_pass	0.887
vm_thread_pass_flood	0.973
vm_thread_pipe	1.100
vm_thread_queue	1.013
vm_thread_sized_queue	1.125
vm_thread_sized_queue2	1.172
vm_thread_sized_queue3	1.184
vm_thread_sized_queue4	1.081

#### **History**

# #1 - 10/03/2017 10:21 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

normalperson@yhbt.net wrote:

# https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/13697

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Can anybody else review? I guess kosaki is busy. Thanks.

#### #2 - 01/28/2018 11:41 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/13697

Note, this may be not as necessary since thread\_sync.c stuff (Mutex/Queue/etc..) no longer use pthread\_\* primitives [Feature #13517] [Feature #13552]

... And GVL is a different beast

#### #3 - 04/03/2024 03:50 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned

#### **Files**

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