## Ruby - Bug #7406

#### English.rb says that \$\_ is thread-local, but it is frame-local

11/20/2012 07:28 AM - headius (Charles Nutter)

Status: Closed

Priority: Normal

Assignee: mame (Yusuke Endoh)

Target version: 2.0.0

ruby -v: 2.0.0preview1 Backport:

#### Description

system ~/projects/jruby/gist-4110634 \$ jirb

irb(main):001:0> \$ = 'foo'

=> "foo"

irb(main):002:0> def blah; p \$; end

=> nil

irb(main):003:0> p \$

"foo"

=> "foo"

irb(main):004:0> blah

nil => nil

Not thread-local.

#### **Associated revisions**

#### Revision 2ae0c4c44bda180ec75ce8e571840e8b9667a7e5 - 02/02/2013 02:47 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

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#### History

#### #1 - 11/20/2012 07:32 AM - headius (Charles Nutter)

I guess this is a bit confusing, since it does also say it's scope-local. The thread-local part throws me off a bit. Is it thread-local or scope-local?

Here's the example again, this time actually running in 2.0.0.preview1:

system ~/projects/jruby \$ irb-2.0.0 irb(main):001:0> \$\_ = 'foo' => "foo" irb(main):002:0> def blah; p \$; end => nil irb(main):003:0> p \$ "foo" => "foo" irb(main):004:0> blah nil => nil

#### #2 - 11/24/2012 06:17 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Assignee set to mame (Yusuke Endoh)
- Target version set to 2.0.0

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I think that "scope-local" normally implies "thread-local". If you think it is confusing, I'll delete the comments, unless there is objection. diff --git a/lib/English.rb b/lib/English.rb index 4fd53c5..44baf17 100644 --- a/lib/English.rb +++ b/lib/English.rb @@ -119,7 +119,7 @@ alias $CHILD_STATUS $?
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## and \$1 to \$9 are all derived from

## \$. Assigning to \$ changes the values of these

### derived variables. This variable is local to the current

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-# scope. Thread local.
+# scope.
alias $LAST_MATCH_INFO $^
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## If set to any value apart from +nil+ or +false+, all pattern matches

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@@ -135,21 +135,21 @@ alias $ARGV $
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# The string matched by the last successful pattern match. This variable is local to the current

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-# scope. Read only. Thread local.+# scope. Read only.alias $MATCH$&
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# The string preceding the match in the last

## successful pattern match. This variable is local to

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-# the current scope. Read only. Thread local.
+# the current scope. Read only.
alias $PREMATCH $`
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# The string following the match in the last

# successful pattern match. This variable is local to

```
-# the current scope. Read only. Thread local.
+# the current scope. Read only.
alias $POSTMATCH $'
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# The contents of the highest-numbered group matched in the last

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successful pattern match. Thus, in "cat" =~ /(c|a)(t|z)/,
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## \$+ will be set to "t". This variable is local to the

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-# current scope. Read only. Thread local.
+# current scope. Read only.
alias $LAST_PAREN_MATCH $+

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#3 - 02/02/2013 11:47 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)
- Status changed from Assigned to Closed
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- % Done changed from 0 to 100

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This issue was solved with changeset r39010. Charles, thank you for reporting this issue. Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated. May Ruby be with you.

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