

## Ruby trunk - Feature #13919

### Add a new method to create Time instances from unix time and nsec

09/19/2017 06:59 AM - tagomoris (Satoshi TAGOMORI)

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<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
<b>Assignee:</b>	
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Description</b>	
Time object contains nsec, but Time class doesn't have method to create an instance with nsec. Time.at() accepts 2nd argument, but it's micro-sec, and we need to divide nsec by 1000.0.	
<pre>t1 = Time.now t1.nsec #=&gt; nsec value  t2 = Time.at(t1.to_i, t1.usec) # not nsec! t3 = Time.at(t1.to_i, t1.nsec / 1000.0) # additional division</pre>	
I think it's better to have another method to create an instance from time(unix time) and nsec, for example, Time.of(unix_time, nsec)	
<pre>t = Time.now Time.of(t.to_i, t.nsec) == t</pre>	

#### Associated revisions

##### Revision 97c5a33f - 09/25/2017 06:20 AM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)

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#### History

##### #1 - 09/19/2017 11:49 PM - shevegen (Robert A. Heiler)

I have no objection to a new method at all.

I think the name "Time.of()" is strange though.

With Time.at(), we can say "ok, at this or that moment, we want the time".

With Time.of(), I am confused what that should mean. I am not a native english speaker though, so who knows.

Would Time.nsec be any worse? That is, it would want the time input in nanoseconds (nsec is nano seconds right?)

I agree that Time.at() is not very convenient with the second parameter mandating microsecond IF one wants to use nanoseconds instead. I think the reason why that was chosen, though, was because nsec may be less frequent than msec. Like hour-minutes-seconds notation, and then the milliseconds after a ',' or so.

Just putting some more ideas for names out there:

Time.at\_nsec

```
Time.at(t.to_i, nsec: t)
Time.at(t.to_i, :nsec)
```

Hmm. Or perhaps be able to modify the default for Time so that you can switch it to nsec, like:

```
Time.default_to = :microseconds
Time.default_to = :nanoseconds
```

Or anything like that. Just trying to find good alternatives, giving things a good name that can easily stick mentally is not always easy.

## #2 - 09/20/2017 06:50 AM - tagomoris (Satoshi TAGOMORI)

Time.at\_nsec is ok for me, but it seems to take just one argument of nano seconds from epoch.

- Time.at\_nsec(nsec\_from\_epoch)
- Time.at\_nsec(seconds\_from\_epoch, nsec)

Is it not confusing? Or should it get exactly two arguments?

## #3 - 09/20/2017 01:46 PM - akr (Akira Tanaka)

I think new method is possible if we find a good method name.

Another idea is adding an optional argument, unit, for Time.at. Time.at(s, ns, :nanosecond) for example.

## #4 - 09/20/2017 09:31 PM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)

Following is a patch based on akr's API.

```
diff --git a/test/ruby/test_time.rb b/test/ruby/test_time.rb
index c92aafc149..31d245ade7 100644
--- a/test/ruby/test_time.rb
+++ b/test/ruby/test_time.rb
@@ -236,6 +236,17 @@ def test_at2
     assert_equal(1, Time.at(0, 0.001).nsec)
   end

+  def test_at_with_unit
+    assert_equal(123456789, Time.at(0, 123456789, :nanosecond).nsec)
+    assert_equal(123456789, Time.at(0, 123456789, :nsec).nsec)
+    assert_equal(123456000, Time.at(0, 123456, :microsecond).nsec)
+    assert_equal(123456000, Time.at(0, 123456, :usec).nsec)
+    assert_equal(123456000, Time.at(0, 123456, nil).nsec)
+    assert_equal(123000000, Time.at(0, 123, :millisecond).nsec)
+    assert_raise(ArgumentError){ Time.at(0, 1, 2) }
+    assert_raise(ArgumentError){ Time.at(0, 1, :invalid) }
+  end
+
   def test_at_rational
     assert_equal(1, Time.at(Rational(1,1) / 1000000000).nsec)
     assert_equal(1, Time.at(1167609600 + Rational(1,1) / 1000000000).nsec)
diff --git a/time.c b/time.c
index e55628fcb..2431a2406a 100644
--- a/time.c
+++ b/time.c
@@ -36,6 +36,7 @@
 static ID id_divmod, id_submicro, id_nano_num, id_nano_den, id_offset, id_zone;
 static ID id_quo, id_div;
+static ID id_nanosecond, id_microsecond, id_millisecond, id_nsec, id_usec;

#define NDIV(x,y) (-(-(x)+1)/(y))-1
#define NMOD(x,y) ((y)-(-(x)+1%(y))-1)
@@ -2347,11 +2348,32 @@ time_s_now(VALUE klass)
   return rb_class_new_instance(0, NULL, klass);
}

+static int
+get_scale(VALUE unit) {
+  if (unit == ID2SYM(id_nanosecond) || unit == ID2SYM(id_nsec)) {
+    return 1000000000;
+  }
}
```

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+   else if (NIL_P(unit) || unit == ID2SYM(id_microsecond) || unit == ID2SYM(id_usec)) {
+       return 1000000;
+   }
+   else if (unit == ID2SYM(id_millisecond)) {
+       return 1000;
+   }
+   else {
+       rb_raise(rb_eArgError, "unexpected unit: %"PRIsVALUE, unit);
+   }
+}
+
+/*
+ * call-seq:
+ *   Time.at(time) -> time
+ *   Time.at(seconds_with_frac) -> time
+ *   Time.at(seconds, microseconds_with_frac) -> time
+ *   Time.at(seconds, milliseconds, :millisecond) -> time
+ *   Time.at(seconds, microseconds, :usec) -> time
+ *   Time.at(seconds, microseconds, :microsecond) -> time
+ *   Time.at(seconds, nanoseconds, :nsec) -> time
+ *   Time.at(seconds, nanoseconds, :nanosecond) -> time
+ *
+ * Creates a new Time object with the value given by +time+,
+ * the given number of +seconds_with_frac+, or
@@ -2362,24 +2384,26 @@ time_s_now(VALUE klass)
+ *
+ * If a numeric argument is given, the result is in local time.
+ *
+ *
+ *   Time.at(0) #=> 1969-12-31 18:00:00 -0600
+ *   Time.at(Time.at(0)) #=> 1969-12-31 18:00:00 -0600
+ *   Time.at(946702800) #=> 1999-12-31 23:00:00 -0600
+ *   Time.at(-284061600) #=> 1960-12-31 00:00:00 -0600
+ *   Time.at(946684800.2).usec #=> 200000
+ *   Time.at(946684800, 123456.789).nsec #=> 123456789
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+ *   Time.at(946684800, 123456.789).nsec #=> 123456789
+ *   Time.at(946684800, 123456789, :nsec).nsec #=> 123456789
+ */
+
+static VALUE
+time_s_at(int argc, VALUE *argv, VALUE klass)
+{
+   VALUE time, t;
+   VALUE time, t, unit = Qnil;
+   wideval_t timew;
+
+   if (rb_scan_args(argc, argv, "11", &time, &t) == 2) {
+   if (rb_scan_args(argc, argv, "12", &time, &t, &unit) >= 2) {
+       int scale = get_scale(unit);
+       time = num_exact(time);
+       t = num_exact(t);
+       timew = wadd(rb_time_magnify(v2w(time)), wmulquoll(v2w(t), TIME_SCALE, 1000000));
+       timew = wadd(rb_time_magnify(v2w(time)), wmulquoll(v2w(t), TIME_SCALE, scale));
+       t = time_new_timew(klass, timew);
+   }
+   else if (IsTimeval(time)) {
@@ -4819,6 +4843,11 @@ Init_Time(void)
+   id_nano_den = rb_intern("nano_den");
+   id_offset = rb_intern("offset");
+   id_zone = rb_intern("zone");
+   id_nanosecond = rb_intern("nanosecond");
+   id_microsecond = rb_intern("microsecond");
+   id_millisecond = rb_intern("millisecond");
+   id_nsec = rb_intern("nsec");
+   id_usec = rb_intern("usec");
+
+   rb_cTime = rb_define_class("Time", rb_cObject);
+   rb_include_module(rb_cTime, rb_mComparable);

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#5 - 09/25/2017 05:51 AM - matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)

I agree with the new behavior (except for accepting nil as a unit).

Matz.

**#6 - 09/25/2017 06:20 AM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)**

*- Status changed from Open to Closed*

Applied in changeset [trunk|r60017](#).

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