Background

In Feature#12589, Vladimir Makarov proposed to improve VM performance by replacing VM instructions to RTL and introduce method JIT compiler based on those instructions.

While his approach for JIT (write C code to local file system, let C compiler executable to compile it to shared object file and load it dynamically) was great and proven to work, replacing all VM instructions may change the behavior of all Ruby programs and we can't turn off such changes once it's released, even if we find a problem. So it's a little risky unlike optional JIT enablement.

Then I developed a JIT compiler called YARV-MJIT, which does not require any VM instruction changes. After it, I heard Vladimir started to work on another approach to compile from current YARV instructions and use RTL as IR for JIT compilation, but it's not published yet as far as I know.

Problems

- We're developing the same JIT infrastructure independently, which can be shared for both implementations
  - it's definitely a waste of time, unlike seeking different optimization approaches
- If we continue to develop JIT in a big feature branch,
  - affected places will be big too, and thus it'll be a dangerous release
  - all of us will continue to waste our time by day-to-day conflict resolution against trunk
  - many valuable commit logs will be lost when we maintain the branch for rebase or squash commits on merge

Solution

- Proposal: Merge MJIT infrastructure from Vladimir's patch with a conservative JIT compiler in early 2.6 development.
  - MJIT infrastructure means: JIT worker thread, profiler, gcc/clang compiler support, loading function from shared object file, some hooks to ensure JIT does not cause SEGV, etc...

Patch: https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/1782

What's the "conservative JIT compiler"?

- Based on my YARV-MJIT, but this drops some problematic optimizations and is slower
- Pass make test, make test-all, make test-spec with and without JIT https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/builds/321589821
- Unlike MJIT on RTL, we can play optcarrot (not just for benchmark, but on GUI) and run Rails application stably (not tested on production yet though)

Notes

- As YARV-MJIT implementation improved MJIT infrastructure too, pthread was already ported to Windows native threads and it can be compiled with Visual Studio.
  - That's exactly why we should develop this in cooperation
- Visual Studio is not supported as C compiler for JIT compilation. I did some experiments and had some ideas to support cl.exe, but I didn't want to add extra complexity to initial merge.
  - But it's perfectly working on MinGW and this will be available on Windows if a user uses RubyInstaller2.

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### Interface details

If the proposal is accepted, I'm going to add following CLI options:

- `-j`, `--jit` use MJIT with default options
- `-j:option, --jit:option` use MJIT with an option

MJIT options:

- `c`, `cc` C compiler to generate native code (gcc, clang)
- `s`, `save-temps` Save MJIT temporary files in $TMP or /tmp
- `w`, `warnings` Enable printing MJIT warnings
d, debug Enable MJIT debugging (very slow)

v=num, verbose=num

Print MJIT logs of level num or less to stderr

n=num, num-cache=num

Maximum number of JIT codes in a cache

Note that -j:l/--jit:llvm are changed to -j:c/--jit:cc so that we can support cl.exe (Visual Studio) in the future.

Also, for testing, I would like to have following module and method.

MJIT.enabled? #=> true / false

See the commit log for details.

Related issues:
Related to Ruby master - Feature #12589: VM performance improvement proposal Open

Associated revisions

Revision ed935aa5 - 02/04/2018 11:22 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)
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50: 17
75: 18
90: 22
99: 29

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50: 71
75: 92
90: 104
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*** JIT on
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categories_admin:

09/02/2022
Revision 62197 - 02/04/2018 11:22 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

mjit_compile.c: merge initial JIT compiler

which has been developed by Takashi Kokubun takashikkbn@gmail as YARV-MJIT. Many of its bugs are fixed by wanabe s.wanabe@gmail.com.

This JIT compiler is designed to be a safe migration path to introduce JIT compiler to MRI. So this commit does not include any bytecode changes or dynamic instruction modifications, which are done in original MJIT.

This commit even strips off some aggressive optimizations from YARV-MJIT, and thus it's slower than YARV-MJIT too. But it's still fairly faster than Ruby 2.5 in some benchmarks (attached below).

Note that this JIT compiler passes make test, make test-all, make test-spec without JIT, and even with JIT. Not only it's perfectly safe with JIT disabled because it does not replace VM instructions unlike MJIT, but also with JIT enabled it stably runs Ruby applications including Rails applications.

I'm expecting this version as just "initial" JIT compiler. I have many optimization ideas which are skipped for initial merging, and you may easily replace this JIT compiler with a faster one by just replacing mjit_compile.c. mjit_compile interface is designed for the purpose.

common.mk: update dependencies for mjit_compile.

internal.h: declare rb_vm_insn_addr2insn for MJIT.

vm.c: exclude some definitions if -DMJIT_HEADER is provided to compiler. This avoids to include some functions which take a long time to compile, e.g. vm_exec_core. Some of the purpose is achieved in transform_mjit_header.rb (see IGNORED_FUNCTIONS) but others are manually resolved for now. Load mjit_helper.h for MJIT header.

mjit_helper.h: New. This is a file used only by JIT-ed code. I'll refactor mjit_call_cfunc later.

vm_eval.c: add some #ifdef switches to skip compiling some functions like Init_vm_eval.

win32/mkeports.rb: export thread/ec functions, which are used by MJIT.

include/ruby/defines.h: add MJIT_FUNC_EXPORTED macro alias to clarify that a function is exported only for MJIT.
I would like to improve maintainability of function exports, but I believe this way is acceptable as initial merging if we clarify the new exports are for MJIT (so that we can use them as TODO list to fix) and add unit tests to detect unresolved symbols. I'll add unit tests of JIT compilations in succeeding commits.

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Contributor: wanabe s.wanabe@gmail.com

Part of [Feature #14235]

**Known issues**
- Code generated by gcc is faster than clang. The benchmark may be worse in macOS. Following benchmark result is provided by gcc w/ Linux.
- Performance is decreased when Google Chrome is running
- JIT can work on MinGW, but it doesn't improve performance at least in short running benchmark.
- Currently it doesn't perform well with Rails. We'll try to fix this before release.

**Benchmark results**

Benchmarked with:
Intel 4.0GHz i7-4790K with 16GB memory under x86-64 Ubuntu 8 Cores

** Optcarrot fps**

Benchmark: [https://github.com/mame/optcarrot](https://github.com/mame/optcarrot)

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75: 18
90: 22
99: 29
home_admin:
50: 21
75: 21
90: 27
99: 40
topic_admin:
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75: 18
90: 22
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categories:
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75: 44
90: 48
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topic_admin:
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90: 58
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Revision 8a15857a - 03/04/2018 07:04 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

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Calculating

before before+JIT after after+JIT
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Revision 62655 - 03/04/2018 07:04 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

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History

#1 - 12/26/2017 12:21 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)
- Related to Feature #12589: VM performance improvement proposal added

#2 - 12/28/2017 10:09 PM - Eregon (Benoit Daloze)

Should the performance of MJIT be evaluated in more details before merging?

Merging the MJIT infrastructure means choosing MJIT as the MRI JIT, right?
If so, it would be good to have performance numbers on other larger benchmarks, not just optcarrot.

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#4 - 12/29/2017 03:31 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

Should the performance of MJIT be evaluated in more details before merging?

Definitely true. This ticket was made in hurry for December Ruby Developers Meeting in Japan, so I did only benchmarks which are easy to run at that moment. At least I'm going to run all benchmarks in "benchmark" directory in Ruby repository.

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First of all, I'm regarding "MRI JIT" (and MJIT) as 2 components: JIT infrastructure (Koichi called this as "JIT framework") and JIT compiler. JIT infrastructure includes JIT workers thread, profiler, gcc/clang compiler support, loading function from shared object file, some hooks to ensure JIT does not cause SEGV. And JIT compiler is Vladimir's RTL-based MJIT, insns -> RTL MJIT which is in development, or YARV-MJIT in the patch. Replacing mjit_compile.c allows to replace the component anytime. At least I'm not thinking it means "choosing (YARV-)MJIT as the (final) MRI JIT (compiler)".

In the context, "Merging the MJIT infrastructure" would also mean choosing YARV-MJIT as initial JIT compiler for MRI, but probably all of Ruby developers don't think it's going to be merged as final JIT compiler, as Vladimir is working on another JIT compiler whose first version is much faster than YARV-MJIT.

At the same time, as we can hear in some Ruby conferences, Matz seems to like the MJIT's JIT infrastructure and it might be the solution for a long term. At least LLVM or things that need tricky dependency won't be used. For inlining Ruby core's C code, I believe this part would work well for JIT compilers other than YARV-MJIT approach. As written in this ticket's Problems and Solution, the main goal of this ticket is merging and improving the JIT infrastructure in MJIT.

If so, it would be good to have performance numbers on other larger benchmarks, not just optcarrot.

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Even while I'm not going to merge it as the final solution, I agree we should have larger benchmarks because nobody will try the MJIT infrastructure if there is no performance gain in its JIT compiler on "real Ruby workloads".

In the initial plan, I was going to use https://github.com/noahgibbs/rails_ruby_bench and still want to use for it. But I get some errors on my environment even with existing Ruby. So it's not just ready. Then I roughly tried to run my simpler Rails application but unfortunately it had no performance gain for now.

I have some optimization ideas that are disabled for now or not implemented yet, and it'll be done in early 2018. If it ends up with no performance gain in "real Ruby workloads", I'll surely revert it. This kind of experiment should be done in early stage of new version, and this timing would be effective for Vladimir's insns -> RTL project (planned to be completed in February) too.

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Yes. That's because Matz seems to be already in favor of the direction.

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Yes, this is intended to be replaced with things like https://github.com/vnmakarov/ruby/blob/21bbbd37b5d9f86910f7679a584bbbfb9dc9c9b1/mjit.c#L1231-L1588

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Thank you for the clarification!

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Yes, that's exactly what I meant.

I think running https://github.com/noahgibbs/rails_ruby_bench would be quite interesting. I think it's worth opening an issue if something doesn't work with Ruby 2.5. Maybe @noahgibbs [Noah Gibbs] can help?

I should have watched/read your great "Just-In-Time Compiler for MRI" presentation first:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ti4a7SXGWig
https://speakerdeck.com/k0kubun/just-in-time-compiler-for-mri

That clearly explains how LLRB, YARV-MJIT and MJIT relate.

Before we merge MJIT, we need to consider what CLI options ruby should have.

Current implementation with some modification that I'll add:

```bash
-j, --jit   use MJIT with default options
-j:option, --jit:option use MJIT with an option

MJIT options:
  c, cc    C compiler to generate native code (gcc, clang)
  s, save-temps Save MJIT temporary files in $TMP or /tmp
  w, warnings Enable printing MJIT warnings
  d, debug   Enable MJIT debugging (very slow)
  v=num, verbose=num Print MJIT logs of level num or less to stderr
  num-cache=num Maximum number of JIT codes in a cache
  num-calls=num Number of calls to trigger JIT compilation
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In previous Ruby developers meeting at Tokyo, I received a feedback that "-j" normally implies --jobs. So, for the first merge, it might be better to have conservative interface like (long versions only):

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Note that we may drop "--jit:cc" in the future after we decide to use C compiler used to build Ruby binary.

Just my opinion: -j only makes sense in the context of a tool/script which can run in parallel (build tool like make, package manager like bundler, etc). For Ruby, a programming language interpreter, I think -j as --jobs would be meaningless.

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They look ok to me. I believe people at the developers meeting have the best experience with designing options for C-Ruby. I created original options mostly for my convenience to work on MJIT. I did not think about them as a final variant. Nevertheless I am glad that they are very close to mine.

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#15 - 01/24/2018 04:38 PM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

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#16 - 01/24/2018 04:40 PM - vmakarov (Vladimir Makarov)

larskanis (Lars Kanis) wrote:

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I think 16 is too aggressive. It is not only worker threads (many of them will be in a wait state most of the time). It is also means 16 working gcc/clang processes and it will create a huge CPU load and big memory usage (even if gcc/clang code will be shared by all the gcc/clang processes and their data will be small because most compiled methods are small).

I think the default should be half or 1/4 of CPUs on machine because (some processors these days are hyper-threaded) or at least 1. It mean we need a code to find how many CPUs are on the machine. Until then I think 2 or 1 would be a reasonable choice as a default.

#17 - 01/24/2018 04:42 PM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

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Ah, that's a topic that was discussed today too. I'm not going to have them at initial merge, but adding them would be reasonable because we already have such interface for GC parameters.

#18 - 01/24/2018 04:46 PM - vmakarov (Vladimir Makarov)
k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun) wrote:

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Agree, your proposal has a lot of sense.

#19 - 01/27/2018 12:55 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

vmakarov@redhat.com wrote:

It mean we need a code to find how many CPUs are on the machine.

We can reuse Etc.nprocessors for most systems in ext/etc/etc.c

#20 - 01/30/2018 11:48 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)
- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Assignee set to k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)

#21 - 02/04/2018 11:22 AM - k0kubun (Takashi Kokubun)
- Status changed from Assigned to Closed

Applied in changeset trunk|r62197.

mjit_compile.c: merge initial JIT compiler

which has been developed by Takashi Kokubun takashikkbn@gmail as YARV-MJIT. Many of its bugs are fixed by wanabe s.wanabe@gmail.com.

This JIT compiler is designed to be a safe migration path to introduce JIT compiler to MRI. So this commit does not include any bytecode changes or dynamic instruction modifications, which are done in original MJIT.

This commit even strips off some aggressive optimizations from YARV-MJIT, and thus it's slower than YARV-MJIT too. But it's still fairly faster than Ruby 2.5 in some benchmarks (attached below).

Note that this JIT compiler passes make test, make test-all, make test-spec without JIT, and even with JIT. Not only it's perfectly safe with JIT disabled because it does not replace VM instructions unlike MJIT, but also with JIT enabled it stably runs Ruby applications including Rails applications.

I'm expecting this version as just "initial" JIT compiler. I have many optimization ideas which are skipped for initial merging, and you may easily replace this JIT compiler with a faster one by just replacing mjit_compile.c. mjit_compile interface is designed for the purpose.

common.mk: update dependencies for mjit_compile.c.

internal.h: declare rb_vm_insn_addr2insn for MJIT.
vm.c: exclude some definitions if -DMJIT_HEADER is provided to compiler. This avoids to include some functions which take a long time to compile, e.g. vm_exec_core. Some of the purpose is achieved in transform_mjit_header.rb (see IGNORED_FUNCTIONS) but others are manually resolved for now. Load mjit_helper.h for MJIT header.
mjit_helper.h: New. This is a file used only by JIT-ed code. I'll refactor mjit_call_cfunc later.
vm_eval.c: add some #ifdef switches to skip compiling some functions like Init_vm_eval.

win32/mkexports.rb: export thread/ec functions, which are used by MJIT.

include/ruby/defines.h: add MJIT_FUNC_EXPORTED macro alias to clarify that a function is exported only for MJIT.

array.c: export a function used by MJIT.
bignum.c: ditto.
class.c: ditto.
compile.c: ditto.
error.c: ditto.
gc.c: ditto.
hash.c: ditto.
iseq.c: ditto.
numeric.c: ditto.
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variable.c: ditto.
vm_backtrace.c: ditto.
vm_insnhelper.c: ditto.
vm_method.c: ditto.

I would like to improve maintainability of function exports, but I believe this way is acceptable as initial merging if we clarify the new exports are for MJIT (so that we can use them as TODO list to fix) and add unit tests to detect unresolved symbols. I'll add unit tests of JIT compilations in succeeding commits.

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Part of [Feature #14235]

- Known issues
  - Code generated by gcc is faster than clang. The benchmark may be worse in macOS. Following benchmark result is provided by gcc w/ Linux.
  - Performance is decreased when Google Chrome is running
  - JIT can work on MinGW, but it doesn't improve performance at least in short running benchmark.
  - Currently it doesn't perform well with Rails. We'll try to fix this before release.

- Benchmark results

Benchmarked with:
Intel 4.0GHz i7-4790K with 16GB memory under x86-64 Ubuntu 8 Cores

- 2.0.0-p0: Ruby 2.0.0-p0
- r62186: Ruby trunk (early 2.6.0), before MJIT changes
- JIT off: On this commit, but without --jit option
- JIT on: On this commit, and with --jit option

** Optcarrot fps

Benchmark: https://github.com/mame/optcarrot

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** MJIT benchmarks**

Benchmark: https://github.com/benchmark-driver/mjit-benchmarks
(Original: https://github.com/vnmakarov/ruby/tree/rtl_mjit_branch/MJIT-benchmarks)

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** Discourse's script/bench.rb**

Benchmark: https://github.com/discourse/discourse/blob/v1.8.7/script/bench.rb

NOTE: Rails performance was somehow a little degraded with JIT for now. We should fix this.
(At least I know opt_aref is performing badly in JIT and I have an idea to fix it. Please wait for the fix.)

*** JIT off
Your Results: (note for timings- percentile is first, duration is second in millisecs)

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99: 29

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On 02/05/2018 09:08 AM, takashikkbn@gmail.com wrote:

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Congratulations, Takashi! Your energy and determination made it happen.

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Thank you ;)
I hope this will work well with your current project.