**Ruby master - Bug #14816**

**Extension build failure on a system with musl libc**

06/03/2018 02:06 PM - akamch (Anatoly Kamchatnov)

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**Description**

Some extensions fail to build on a Linux with musl (Void Linux). Build of unf_ext is an example.

isnan() and isinf() are defined as macros in musl: [https://git.musl-libc.org/cgit/musl/tree/include/math.h](https://git.musl-libc.org/cgit/musl/tree/include/math.h)

[https://github.com/gliderlabs/docker-alpine/issues/261](https://github.com/gliderlabs/docker-alpine/issues/261) "Cannot build native extensions for unf_ext gem" seems to be a related issue.

```bash
$ gem install unf_ext
Building native extensions. This could take a while...
ERROR: Error installing unf_ext:
  ERROR: Failed to build gem native extension.
```

```
in file included from /home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/defines.h:1
53:0,
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  from /home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby.h:33,
  from unf.cc:3:
/home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/missing.h:172:29: error: 'int isinf(double)' conflicts with a previous declaration
RUBY_EXTERN int isinf(double);
^------------------
```

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in file included from /usr/include/c++/7.3/math.h:36:0,
  from /home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/missing.h:2
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in file included from /usr/include/c++/7.3/cmath:599:3: note: previous declaration 'constexpr bool std::isinf(double)' isinf(double __x)
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Revision 63571 - 06/05/2018 06:50 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)
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Revision b7595f2c - 06/05/2018 02:16 PM - ngoto (Naohisa Goto)
include/ruby/missing.h: defined(__cplusplus) before using __cplusplus
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Revision 64126 - 07/30/2018 01:57 PM - usa (Usaku NAKAMURA)
merge revision(s) 63571,63572: [Backport #14816]

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Revision 99d1f2c5 - 08/18/2018 04:18 AM - nagachika (Tomoyuki Chikanaga)
merge revision(s) 63571,63572: [Backport #14816]
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Revision 64434 - 08/18/2018 04:18 AM - nagachika (Tomoyuki Chikanaga)
merge revision(s) 63571,63572: [Backport #14816]

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History

#1 - 06/04/2018 03:17 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)

akamch (Anatoly Kamchatnov) wrote:

isinf() and isnan() are defined as macros in musl: https://git.musl-libc.org/cgit/musl/tree/include/math.h

Yes, and the corresponding missing.h lines are this:

```c
#ifndef isnan
#endif
#endif
RUBY_EXTERN int isnan(double);
#endif
@end
```

So the conflicting function is actually guarded by ifndef. I guess this is not our fault?

#2 - 06/04/2018 11:37 AM - akamch (Anatoly Kamchatnov)

I guess this is not our fault?
Not entirely. Most likely it's nobody's fault but you can always blame autoconf :) Alpine's author thinks that "the configure script does not detect isnan/isinf as macros, call ruby devs". Autoconf's doc says

isinf
isnan

The C99 standard says that isinf and isnan are macros. On some systems just macros are available (e.g., HP-UX and Solaris 10), on some systems both macros and functions (e.g., glibc 2.3.2), and on some systems only functions (e.g., IRIX 6 and Solaris 9). In some cases these functions are declared in nonstandard headers like <sunmath.h> and defined in non-default libraries like -lm or -lsunmath.

The C99 isinf and isnan macros work correctly with long double arguments, but pre-C99 systems that use functions typically assume double arguments. On such a system, isinf incorrectly returns true for a finite long double argument that is outside the range of double.

The best workaround for these issues is to use gnu3lib modules isinf and isnan (see Gnu3lib). But a lighter weight solution involves code like the following.

```c
#include <math.h>

#ifndef isnan
#define isnan(x)  
  (sizeof (x) == sizeof (long double) ? isnan_ld (x) \  
    : sizeof (x) == sizeof (double) ? isnan_d (x) \  
    : isnan_f (x))
static inline int isnan_f  (float x) { return x != x; }
static inline int isnan_d  (double x) { return x != x; }
static inline int isnan_ld (long double x) { return x != x; }
#endif

#ifndef isinf
#define isinf(x)  
  (sizeof (x) == sizeof (long double) ? isinf_ld (x) \  
    : sizeof (x) == sizeof (double) ? isinf_d (x) \  
    : isinf_f (x))
static inline int isinf_f  (float x) { return !isnan (x) && isnan (x - x); }
static inline int isinf_d  (double x) { return !isnan (x) && isnan (x - x); }
static inline int isinf_ld (long double x) { return !isnan (x) && isnan (x - x); }
#endif
```

https://www.gnu.org/software/autoconf/manual/autoconf.html#Function-Portability

Looks like musl is not unlike HP-UX and Solaris 10 in that regard. The question is where one should fix this: some header or ruby routines around extconf.rb, gem in question, anywhere else? That I don't know, but the first option still seems plausible to me.

#3 - 06/04/2018 06:32 PM - shevegen (Robert A. Heiler)

I think ngoto is knowing quite a bit about Solaris so perhaps if he has time he could comment.

I also understand you wanting to use Ruby even on exotic combinations like musl + void. The original rack author also uses void. :)

#4 - 06/04/2018 07:06 PM - akamch (Anatoly Kamchatnov)

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Indeed, yet one can also easily envision many a failed build of Ruby codebases inside the musl-only Alpine-based Docker containers. Void is almost irrelevant here.

The original rack author also uses void. :)

And does hell of a job maintaining that fine distribution.

#5 - 06/04/2018 11:58 PM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)

akamch (Anatoly Kamchatnov) wrote:
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Highly skeptical. Can you build ruby from source and show us your config.log then?

Like I showed before the RUBY_EXTERN int isnan(double); line is effective only if (1) isnan is not a macro, and (2) isnan is not provided as a function. "The best workaround" that the autoconf says does not work on your system because in case it would, ours must also.

#6 - 06/05/2018 12:21 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)

Let me directly point out what is actually to be blamed:

akamch (Anatoly Kamchatnov) wrote:

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   from /home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/missing.h:23,
   from /home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/defines.h:153,
   from /home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/ruby.h:29,
   from /home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/ruby.h:33,
   from unf.cc:3:
/usr/include/c++/7.3/cmath:626:3: note: previous declaration 'constexpr bool std::isnan(double)'
   isnan(double __x)
   ^

This is wrong. Your C++ header file does define a function named isnan. You have to include C's one (the one you referred) instead.

#7 - 06/05/2018 01:53 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)

Proposed workaround, not tested though.

From 01839b509c1bb914337124ac3d1f644b05ef90d8 Mon Sep 17 00:00:00 2001
From: "Urabe, Shyouhei" <shyouhei@ruby-lang.org>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2018 10:26:06 +0900
Subject: [PATCH] C++11 is so bad it introduces a nightmare.

TL;DR see https://developers.redhat.com/blog/2016/02/29/why-cstdlib-is-more-complicated-than-you-might-think/

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Signed-off-by: Urabe, Shyouhei <shyouhei@ruby-lang.org>

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include/ruby/missing.h | 6 ++++++
1 file changed, 6 insertions(+)

diff --git a/include/ruby/missing.h b/include/ruby/missing.h
index dc3fd502b5..8df91749be 100644
--- a/include/ruby/missing.h
+++ b/include/ruby/missing.h
@@ -168,6 +168,8 @@ RUBY_EXTERN const union bytesequence4_or_float rb_nan;
 # include <ieeefp.h>
 # endif
 # define isinf(x) (!finite(x) && !isnan(x))
+- elsif __cplusplus >= 201103L
+- # include <cmath> // it must include constexpr bool isninf(double);
 # else
 RUBY_EXTERN int isinf(double);
 # endif
@@ -176,7 +178,11 @@ RUBY_EXTERN const union bytesequence4_or_float rb_nan;

 ifndef HAVE_ISNAN
 # ifndef __cplusplus
### ifdef isnan
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++ if __cplusplus >= 201103L
++ # include <cmath> // it must include constexpr bool isnan(double);

05/10/2020
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Works best for me! Thank you very much for getting to the root of the problem, there's much to reflect upon.

The patch does away with the isnan error, but the other one still remains:

compiling unf.cc
cc1plus: warning: command line option '-Wimplicit-int' is valid for C/ObjectC but not for C++
cc1plus: warning: command line option '-Wdeclaration-after-statement' is valid for C/ObjectC but not for C++
cc1plus: warning: command line option '-Wimplicit-function-declaration' is valid for C/ObjectC but not for C++
In file included from /home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/defines.h:153:0,
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/home/rev/.rbenv/versions/2.6.0-preview2/include/ruby-2.6.0/ruby/missing.h:174:29: error: 'int isinf(double)'
conflicts with a previous declaration
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^~~~~
ccl1plus: warning: unrecognized command line option '-Wno-cast-function-type'
ccl1plus: warning: unrecognized command line option '-Wno-self-assign'
ccl1plus: warning: unrecognized command line option '-Wno-constant-logical-operand'
ccl1plus: warning: unrecognized command line option '-Wno-parentheses-equality'
make: *** [Makefile:211: unf.o] Error 1
make failed, exit code 2

Ah sorry. Embarrassing typo 😞. Try applying this patch over the previous one.

diff --git a/include/ruby/missing.h b/include/ruby/missing.h
index 8df917498..2d3852c131 100644
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 # endif
 # define isinf(x) (!finite(x) && !isnan(x))
-# elif __cplusplus >= 201103L
+# elif __cplusplus >= 201103L
   # include <cmath> // it must include constexpr bool isinf(double);
   # else
   RUBY_EXTERN int isinf(double);

Works great, many thanks, Shyouhei!
The wider question on what could/should have been done to avoid these ifdef dances is definitely not Ruby's to answer.

#11 - 06/05/2018 06:51 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)
- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset trunk/63571.

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#12 - 06/05/2018 06:52 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)
- Backport changed from 2.3: UNKNOWN, 2.4: UNKNOWN, 2.5: UNKNOWN to 2.3: REQUIRED, 2.4: REQUIRED, 2.5: REQUIRED

#13 - 07/30/2018 01:57 PM - usa (Usaku NAKAMURA)
- Backport changed from 2.3: REQUIRED, 2.4: REQUIRED, 2.5: REQUIRED to 2.3: REQUIRED, 2.4: DONE, 2.5: REQUIRED

ruby_2_4 r64126 merged revision(s) 63571,63572.

#14 - 08/18/2018 04:18 AM - nagachika (Tomoyuki Chikanaga)
- Backport changed from 2.3: REQUIRED, 2.4: DONE, 2.5: REQUIRED to 2.3: REQUIRED, 2.4: DONE, 2.5: DONE

ruby_2_5 r64434 merged revision(s) 63571,63572.