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I found this bug while rewriting GVL to handle timer-thread duty and eliminate separate timer thread.

Associated revisions
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thread_pthread.c (unregister_ubf_list): assert unblock.func is unset

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History

#1 - 07/28/2018 03:10 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)
- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset trunk|r64083.

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#2 - 07/30/2018 09:42 PM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/14945

Actually, r64083 may not be completely safe, either, as the list_empty checks are dangerous, at least w/o GVL.

However, this order must be enforced:
unblock_function_clear
unregister_ubf_list

Working on fixes...

#3 - 08/08/2018 05:51 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
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#4 - 08/08/2018 05:53 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
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Sorry it should be safe (I misread as other operation. sorry).

#5 - 08/08/2018 09:33 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

ko1@atdot.net wrote:

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Sorry it should be safe (I misread as other operation. sorry).

Right, good question, though... for register_ubf_list
and unregister_ubf_list, they are safe and I can commit
below patch to clarify.

However, list_empty in ubf_threads_empty I'm not 100% sure
about...

diff --git a/thread_pthread.c b/thread_pthread.c
index 29805ef2df..febec0c1d1 100644
--- a/thread_pthread.c
+++ b/thread_pthread.c
@@ -1125,6 +1125,15 @@ register_ubf_list(rb_thread_t *th)
     struct list_node *node = &th->native_thread_data.ubf_list;
     
     /* list_empty check is safe here without ubf_list_lock held
     +   because th->interrupt_lock is already held by
     +   rb_threadptr_interrupt_common.
     +   */
     +   if (!list_empty((struct list_head*)node)) {
     +     rb_native_mutex_lock(&ubf_list_lock);
     +     list_add(&ubf_list_head, node);
     +   }
     /* we can't allow re-entry into ubf_list_head */
     VM_ASSERT(th->unblock.func == 0);
@@ -1141,6 +1150,11 @@ unregister_ubf_list(rb_thread_t *th)
         list_del_init(node);
     +   /* list_empty check is safe here without ubf_list_lock held
     +      because we already cleared th->unblock.func while
     +      th->interrupt_lock was held. 
     +     */
     +   if (!list_empty((struct list_head*)node)) {
     +     rb_native_mutex_lock(&ubf_list_lock);
     +     list_del_init(node);