Enabling IBM PowerPC/Z cases in Travis CI

We added arm64-linux and arm32-linux cases to Travis CI by the ticket. The arm32-linux case is going to be stable after this pull-request will be merged.

So, I would like to talk about this topic. Currently Travis CI has following 4 multiple CPU architectures cases.

- x86_64-linux (Intel, 64-bit, Little-endian)
- arm64-linux (ARM, 64-bit, Little-endian)
- i686-linux (Intel, 32-bit, Little-endian)
- arm32-linux (ARM, 32-bit, Little-endian)

And a exciting news came from Travis CI this month. Now Travis supports arch: ppc64le and arch: s390x as arch: arm64 as well.


So, how do you think about adding following 2 cases to Travis CI too?

- ppc64le-linux (IBM PowerPC, 64-bit, Little-endian)
- s390x-linux (IBM Z/Linux One, 64-bit, Big-endian)

**ppc64le, s390x use cases in Ruby project**

- Searching tickets in Redmine, there were some architecture specific issues in the past.
  - [https://rubyci.org/](https://rubyci.org/) has s390x. But it seems it does not have ppc64le.
  - s390x is a big-endian. It looks good to check the big-endian specific issue.

**ppc64le, s390x use cases in Linux distributions**

For example Ubuntu is supporting ppc64le, s390x, providing the container image.

- [https://hub.docker.com/_/ubuntu](https://hub.docker.com/_/ubuntu)
  - Supported architectures: (more info)
  - amd64, arm32v7, arm64v8, i386, ppc64le, s390x

Fedora project is supporting ppc64le, s390x too.

- [https://hub.docker.com/_/fedora](https://hub.docker.com/_/fedora)
  - Supported architectures: (more info)
  - amd64, arm32v7, arm64v8, ppc64le, s390x

Are you interested in adding the ppc64le and s390x test cases to Travis CI?

**Associated revisions**

Revision 47a365dd - 12/11/2019 11:45 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

Move s390x-linux to allow.failures matrix

ref [Misc #16360]

Revision cae657c3 - 12/11/2019 12:54 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)
Fix .travis.yml to keep s390x-linux as allow_features

[Misc #16360]

History

#1 - 11/25/2019 02:46 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)
Hello. It is definitely a good idea to enhance our CI. But that alone does not improve the code quality. We need someone to fix issues.
Maybe we need a platform maintainer first.

#2 - 12/03/2019 01:52 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)
shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe) wrote:

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Maybe we need a platform maintainer first.

Hello. I agree with it.

Someone, do you have any idea to find the platform maintainers to help us?

Maybe like this?

- arm64 (+ arm32): person A
- ppc64le: person B
- s390x: person C

#3 - 12/05/2019 05:17 AM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)
Rei Odaira will work as best effort for both ppc64le and s390x. 
https://twitter.com/ReiOdaira/status/1202383090611556353

So it's interesting to add them to CI.

#4 - 12/05/2019 11:54 PM - ReiOdaira (Rei Odaira)
I'm happy to work for ppc64le and s390x. In the last few years, the number of the platform-specific issues that showed up in ppc64le and s390x Ruby has been between 5 and 10 every year, so I assume the same pace for my obligation as a maintainer.

#5 - 12/06/2019 01:02 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)
Thank you, Rei Odaira. I appreciate your work.

I can work to send a pull-request to add ppc64le and s390x cases to (Travis) CI. However it's up to you. Feel free to take the task.

#6 - 12/06/2019 04:20 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)
I found someone's pull-request adding s390x in Travis CI, and the result (Travis) is succeeded. Someone could you check and merge this?

Adding s390x support for Travis build
https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/2727

#7 - 12/06/2019 08:21 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)
As I faced stack level too deep (SystemStackError) in socket.rb:897 in ip_address_list on only the Travis ppc64le environment, I am debugging it with strace command on my forked repository enabling Travis ppc64le here.

https://github.com/junaruga/ruby/commits/feature/ppc64le
https://travis-ci.org/junaruga/ruby/builds/621767234

$ $SETARCH make -- test-spec MSPECOPT=-ff
...
<Thread:0x000009432a9792f0@/home/travis/build/junaruga/ruby/spec/mspec/lib/mspec/matchers/block_caller.rb:3 run> terminated with exception (report_on_exception is true):
/home/travis/build/junaruga/ruby/spec/ruby/library/socket/socket/udp_server_loop_spec.rb:7 in `block (4 levels) in <top (required)>'
    from /home/travis/build/junaruga/ruby/spec/mspec/lib/mspec/matchers/block_caller.rb:4 in `block in matches?'
Could you help it?
Thank you.

#8 - 12/11/2019 08:26 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

Hi jaruga (Jun Aruga) ReiOdaira (Rei Odaira)

Unfortunately, s390x Travis CI fails too frequently.
https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/jobs/623537664
https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/jobs/623487659
https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/jobs/623482529
https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/jobs/623480228
https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/jobs/623480013

$ strace -f $SETARCH make -s test-spec MSPECOPT=-ff SPECOPTS=".../spec/ruby/library/socket/socket/udp_server_lo op_spec.rb"
...
[pid 17414] <... getsockname resumed> {sa_family=AF_NETLINK, pid=-1334654655, groups=00000000}, [12] = 0
[pid 17413] <... read resumed> 0x7ffffec81540, 8) = -1 EAGAIN (Resource temporarily unavailable)
[pid 17414] --- SIGSEGV {si_signo=SIGSEGV, si_code=SEGVA_ACCERR, si_addr=0x7fb4e1ded7c0} ---
...

I think it is not your fault but maybe a network setting issue or something in Travis CI. But anyway, frequent failures make it difficult to keep trunk sound. Could you contact on Travis CI and fix the issue?

#9 - 12/11/2019 09:36 AM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)

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But anyway, frequent failures make it difficult to keep trunk sound. Could you contact on Travis CI and fix the issue?

Hi mame (Yusuke Endoh).
Sure, I will take a look at the code, contact if it's needed and fix.

I think you can "s390x-linux" case to allow failures in Travis at the moment as a temporary workflow. Then after making sure that the case is stable, we can remove it from allow_failures.

#10 - 12/11/2019 11:46 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset git|47a365dd580f2de0fd0d56155587d6d2c7ab7.

Move s390x-linux to allow_failures matrix

ref [Misc #16360]

#11 - 12/11/2019 11:47 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Status changed from Closed to Open
Okay, moved to allow_failures.

#12 - 12/11/2019 12:49 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)
You see that "s390x-linux" case was disappeared on the latest master branch Travis now.  
https://travis-ci.org/ruby/ruby/builds/623632919

I think it was a wrong way.

The modification to add s390x-linux case to allow_failures could be like this from the latest master branch's .travis.yml.

```bash
$ git diff
diff --git a/.travis.yml b/.travis.yml
index 5d1a8822cf..71945e349e 100644
--- a/.travis.yml
+++ b/.travis.yml
@@ -418,6 +418,7 @@ matrix:
   - <<: *arm64-linux
   - <<: *i686-linux
   - <<: *arm32-linux
   + - <<: *s390x-linux
   - <<: *pedanticism
   - <<: *assertions
   - <<: *baseruby
@@ -438,10 +439,10 @@ matrix:
   - <<: *CALL_THREADED_CODE
   - <<: *NO_THREADED_CODE
 allow_failures:
   - name: s390x-linux
   - name: -fsanitize=address
   - name: -fsanitize=memory
   - name: -fsanitize=undefined
   - <<- : *s390x-linux
   fast_finish: true
before_script:
```

#13 - 12/11/2019 12:55 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)
- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset git|cae657c32492a9b4e72b5e290c143e2c84d4d42d.

Fix .travis.yml to keep s390x-linux as allow_features

[Misc #16360]

#14 - 12/11/2019 12:55 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)
- Status changed from Closed to Open

#15 - 12/11/2019 12:56 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)
Oops sorry! Applied your patch, thanks!

#16 - 01/03/2020 10:29 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)

Sure, I will take a look at the code, contact if it's needed and fix.

Hi, possibly I found the cause of this error for apt-add-repository command that happens for only Travis s390x environment, and how to avoid it.

```bash
$ tool/travis_retry.sh sudo -E apt-add-repository -y "ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test"
+ sudo -E apt-add-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
Error: retrieving gpg key timed out.
```

The cause is by the Travis s390x environment's IPv6 issue.

I reported it to Travis community here.
S390x IPv6 connect system call sometimes returning "Connection timed out" in apt-add-repository command
https://travis-ci.community/t/6719

I checked apt-add-repository command's behavior with strace command.

```
$ sudo -E strace -f apt-add-repository -y "ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test"
...
socket(PF_INET6, SOCK_STREAM|SOCK_CLOEXEC, IPPROTO_TCP) = 3
connect(3, {sa_family=AF_INET6, sin6_port=htons(443), inet_pton(AF_INET6, "2001:67c:1560:8003::8003", &sin6_addr), sin6_flowinfo=0, sin6_scope_id=0}, 28) = -1 ETIMEDOUT (Connection timed out)
close(3)  = 0
socket(PF_INET6, SOCK_STREAM|SOCK_CLOEXEC, IPPROTO_TCP) = 3
connect(3, {sa_family=AF_INET6, sin6_port=htons(443), inet_pton(AF_INET6, "2001:67c:1560:8003::8004", &sin6_addr), sin6_flowinfo=0, sin6_scope_id=0}, 28) = -1 ETIMEDOUT (Connection timed out)
close(3)
...
pid 1948] futex(0x3ff88000c14, FUTEX_WAIT_BITSET_PRIVATE|FUTEX_CLOCK_REALTIME, 0, {1578070812, 434829000}, 0xffffffff) = -1 ETIMEDOUT (Connection timed out)
[pid 1948] write(1, "Error: retrieving gpg key timed out.", 37) = 37
...
```

The temporary workflow to pass s390x-linux case is to disable IPv6 for only s390x-linux case like this.
I executed the simple example's s390x case job 10 times continuously, and all job is passed.

```
- ip a
- sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6=1
- sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.default.disable_ipv6=1
- sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.lo.disable_ipv6=1
- ip a
```

Later I will send the pull-request to disable IPv6 on only Travis s390x-linux case.

#17 - 01/06/2020 05:40 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)

Later I will send the pull-request to disable IPv6 on only Travis s390x-linux case.

I sent the pull-request to fix the s390x issue now.

Disable IPv6 on Travis s390x case.
https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/2819

#18 - 02/05/2020 04:28 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)
https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/16360#note-7

I am still debugging for the "stack level too deep (SystemStackError)" issue that happens on only ppc64le.
When I was debugging with following file,

```
$ cat spec/ruby/library/socket/socket/udp_server_loop_debug3_spec.rb
require_relative '../../../spec_helper'
require 'socket'

describe 'Socket.udp_server_loop debug' do
  it 'blocks the caller' do
    socket_block = proc { Socket.ip_address_list }
    # This line is okay.
    puts "[DEBUG] 1 Socket.ip_address_list"
    p Socket.ip_address_list
    # This line is error.
    puts "[DEBUG] 2 Socket.ip_address_list with mspec block_caller"
    socket_block.should_not block_caller
  end

  socket_block = proc { Socket.ip_address_list }

  # See spec/mspec/lib/mspec/matchers/block_caller.rb
  puts "[DEBUG] 3 Socket.ip_address_list with mspec block_caller"
  socket_block.should_not block_caller
end
```

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running like this.

```
.travis.yml

- $SETARCH make test-spec SPECOPTS="-ff -V" SPECOPTS="../spec/ruby/library/socket/socket/udp_server_loop_debug 3_spec.rb"
```

The "[DEBUG] 1" p Socket.ip_address_list is okay. But "[DEBUG] 2" when proc { Socket.ip_address_list } is used with mspec block_caller, it's not okay. The result is like this. https://travis-ci.org/junaruga/ruby/jobs/646473964#L2792

Here is the strace's log. It might be related to the socket with network device and Thread.

```
[pid 17528] getsockname(5, {sa_family=AF_NETLINK, pid=17527, groups=00000000}, [12]) = 0
[pid 17528] --- SIGSEGV {si_signo=SIGSEGV, si_code=SEGV_ACCERR, si_addr=0x7d7fd6d8d620} ---
```

Rei Odaira, is it possible to run make test-spec SPECOPTS="spec/ruby/library/socket/socket/udp_server_loop_spec.rb" on your ppc64le environment? Does it work on your environment?

Thanks.

#19 - 03/20/2020 05:36 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)

S390x IPv6 connect system call sometimes returning "Connection timed out" in apt-add-repository command https://travis-ci.community/t/6719

For Travis s390x IPv6 issue, I was told the issue was fixed by Travis. https://travis-ci.community/t/6719/7

So, I sent the PR to enable it again here. I tested it several times on my forked repository, and it was okay. https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/2970

#20 - 05/25/2021 12:53 PM - jaruga (Jun Aruga)

- Status changed from Open to Closed

I would close this ticket as both Travis ppc64le and s390x were enabled at https://github.com/ruby/ruby/commit/9d4266fd5555c9c4388e2e8592008d0e0d8ccf21. We do not see the issue https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/16360#note-7 any more. There is another issue #17871 on Travis ppc64le, and we are skipping the tests right now.