## Ruby master - Feature #17468
### Deprecate RUBY_DEVEL

12/25/2020 09:32 AM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)

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### Description

Some configuration of Ruby use RUBY_DEVEL, which depends PATCH_LEVEL. But depending PATCH_LEVEL causes issues which will become revealed on the final release. Though we release some previews and RCs, they don't contributes the quality around RUBY_DEVEL.

Therefore to ensure CI tests the quality of the final release, we need to deprecate RUBY_DEVEL.

### History

#### #1 - 12/25/2020 09:33 AM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)
- Backport deleted (2.5: UNKNOWN, 2.6: UNKNOWN, 2.7: UNKNOWN)
- Tracker changed from Bug to Feature

#### #2 - 10/19/2021 09:29 PM - jeremyevans0 (Jeremy Evans)
I looked into this. If we removed RUBY_DEVEL, we would make it so ruby_debug_log was never defined, since it is only defined if RUBY_DEVEL is defined. Basically, removing RUBY_DEVEL is equivalent to removing the removing the entire debug logging feature.

I think a safer and less invasive change is to make RUBY_DEVEL not depend on PATCHLEVEL. By doing so, Ruby developers that want to use debug logging can still manually use RUBY_DEVEL=yes when configuring, but it will never be enabled automatically. I submitted a pull request for this: [https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/4993](https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/4993). One change it makes is to set USE_RUBY_DEBUG_LOG to 1 instead of 0 if RUBY_DEVEL is defined and USE_RUBY_DEBUG_LOG isn't. Since RUBY_DEVEL is no longer enabled automatically, the main reason to enable it would be to support debug logging, in which case I think 1 is a better default.

#### #3 - 12/25/2021 07:45 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)
When packaging a new tarball, we faced this issue again. Building a tarball produces so many warnings:

```
./vm_debug.h:34:5: warning: "RUBY_DEVEL" is not defined, evaluates to 0 [-Wundef]
  34 | #if RUBY_DEVEL
      | ^~~~~~~~~~~
./vm_debug.h:100:5: warning: "USE_RUBY_DEBUG_LOG" is not defined, evaluates to 0 [-Wundef]
 100 | #if USE_RUBY_DEBUG_LOG
      | ^~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
In file included from ./vm.c:40:
./vm_sync.h:7:5: warning: "USE_RUBY_DEBUG_LOG" is not defined, evaluates to 0 [-Wundef]
   7 | #if USE_RUBY_DEBUG_LOG
      | ^~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
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