

## Ruby 1.8 - Bug #3313

### object has the wrong type during long-running test

05/18/2010 04:19 PM - coatl (caleb clausen)

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
<b>Assignee:</b>	
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>ruby -v:</b>	ruby 1.8.7 (2008-08-11 patchlevel 72) [i486-linux]

#### Description

=begin

To reproduce this bug:

gem install sequence

cd /tmp #or some other suitable dir

git clone git://github.com/coatl/rubylexer.git

cd rubylexer

ruby -llib test/code/heredoc\_blast\_test.rb

#now wait, up to 4 hours for the test to either complete or fail.

This runs the same test (parsing heredocuments with rubylexer) over and over. Very rarely, the test will fail, and I don't know why. It actually fails inside sequence, a support library for rubylexer. The stack trace indicates that in `notify_change` on line 700 of `sequence.rb`, `@change_listeners` contains an object of the wrong type (an Array instead of a Sequence). The only place where things are put into `@change_listeners` is in `on_change_notify`, just above `notify_change`. That method carefully checks that the item inserted into `@change_listeners` is of the right type (responds to `change_notification`) before adding it.

`@change_listeners` is a `WeakRefSet`, and thus weak references are involved. It's possible that I'm not handling those weak references correctly in `weakrefset.rb`, but I've been over that code repeatedly and it seems to be correct. `define_finalizer` is used to keep the `WeakRefSet` notified when one of its members is gc'd, and the `WeakRefSet` then dutifully removes the dying object.

I'm reporting this for 1.8.7, but I've seen it on (fairly recent vintages of) 1.8.6 as well. It may well also be a problem for 1.9 versions of ruby, but when I try to test for this problem on 1.9, I run straight into bug [#2502](#), which prevents the test from running long enough to see this problem.

I'm sorry for all the code and time needed to reproduce this one. I did try to boil it down to a smaller case, but with only slight success.

Here's the erroneous output.

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ruby -llib test/code/heredoc_blast_test.rb
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Loaded suite test/code/heredoc_blast_test
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Started
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Eskipping testcase_10; not legal
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.skipping testcase_11; not legal
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.Eskipping testcase_2; not legal
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.skipping testcase_3; not legal
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.skipping testcase_4; not legal
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.skipping testcase_5; not legal
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.skipping testcase_6; not legal
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.skipping testcase_7; not legal
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```
.skipping testcase_8; not legal
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.skipping testcase_9; not legal
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```
Finished in 956.663375 seconds.
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1) Error:

testcase\_0 (LexerTests):

NoMethodError: undefined method 'change\_notification' for [-611168978]:Array

/var/lib/gems/1.8/gems/sequence-0.2.3/lib/sequence.rb:700:in notify\_change'

/var/lib/gems/1.8/gems/sequence-0.2.3/lib/sequence/weakrefset.rb:99:in each'

/var/lib/gems/1.8/gems/sequence-0.2.3/lib/sequence/weakrefset.rb:87:in each\_key'

/var/lib/gems/1.8/gems/sequence-0.2.3/lib/sequence/weakrefset.rb:87:in each'

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/var/lib/gems/1.8/gems/sequence-0.2.3/lib/sequence.rb:699:innotify_change'  
/var/lib/gems/1.8/gems/sequence-0.2.3/lib/sequence/list.rb:258:in modify'  
./lib/rubylexer.rb:2324:inhere_header'  
./lib/rubylexer.rb:2387:in `lessthanno_offset'  
(eval):6:in lessthan'  
./lib/rubylexer/charhandler.rb:86:insend'  
./lib/rubylexer/charhandler.rb:86:in go'  
./lib/rubylexer/rulexer.rb:92:inrulexer_get1token'  
./lib/rubylexer.rb:292:in get1token'  
(eval):145:intestcase_0'  
(eval):3:in times'  
(eval):3:intestcase_0_ '
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2) Error:

testcase\_1\_(LexerTests):

NoMethodError: undefined method change\_notification' for [-611406058]:Array

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./lib/rubylexer.rb:292:in get1token'  
(eval):294:intestcase_1'  
(eval):152:in times'  
(eval):152:intestcase_1_ '
```

12 tests, 0 assertions, 0 failures, 2 errors

=end

## History

#1 - 06/11/2010 11:54 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

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=begin  
Hi,
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2010/5/18 caleb clausen [redmine@ruby-lang.org](mailto:redmine@ruby-lang.org):

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Unfortunately, [#2502](#) is decided as WONTFIX for 1.9.2.  
So this issue cannot be reproducible in 1.9.2.

I think it would be good to investigate this issue in 1.8 subproject.  
So I move this ticket to 1.8. If the bug is figured out and may be also reproducible in 1.9, the fix will be backported to 1.9.

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Yusuke Endoh mame@tsg.ne.jp  
=end
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