Ruby master - Bug #4237

SSL_shutdown should be called until it returns 0

01/06/2011 10:26 AM - tenderlovemaking (Aaron Patterson)

Status: Closed
Priority: Normal
Assignee: nahi (Hiroshi Nakamura)
Target version: 1.9.3
ruby -v:

Backport:

Description
=begin
The documentation says SSL_shutdown should be called until it returns 0. I believe this was causing heap corruption that can be demonstrated through the steps listed here:

http://intertwingly.net/blog/2010/12/07/SQLite3-CorruptException-database-disk-image-is-malformed

make sure you use Ruby r30293 or earlier. I believe r30294 only fixed a symptom is it closes the SSL socket twice (once from the call to close and once again during GC).

Please note that Sam sees the problem because postfix is establishing a TLS connection.
=end

Related issues:
Related to Ruby master - Bug #4241: IMAPTest#test_imaps_verify_none does not ...
Closed 01/06/2011

Associated revisions
Revision 369b0950 - 06/24/2011 07:01 AM - nahi (Hiroshi Nakamura)

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See also: https://www.honeynet.org/node/436

#1 - 01/06/2011 10:39 AM - nahi (Hiroshi Nakamura)
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#2 - 01/06/2011 10:51 AM - tenderlovemaking (Aaron Patterson)
=begin
On Thu, Jan 06, 2011 at 10:39:11AM +0900, Hiroshi NAKAMURA wrote:

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This happens during GC. What should we do during GC if it returns -1?

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Attachment: (unnamed)
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#3 - 03/26/2011 10:25 PM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)
- Status changed from Open to Assigned

#4 - 06/22/2011 11:08 PM - nahi (Hiroshi Nakamura)

Aaron, I'm sorry for late response, but can you point the original report of this issue? The link http://intertwingly.net/blog/2010/12/07/SQLite3-CorruptException-database-disk-image-is-malformed looks not related to openssl. Am I misunderstanding something?

#5 - 06/23/2011 12:29 AM - tenderlovemaking (Aaron Patterson)
- ruby -v changed from ruby 1.9.3dev (2011-01-06 trunk 30471) [x86_64-darwin10.5.0] to -

On Wed, Jun 22, 2011 at 11:08:08PM +0900, Hiroshi NAKAMURA wrote:

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Sam's report does not look like it's related to openssl. The case that he was encountering was an SSL socket failure. Please look at the change I committed: r30294.

Before my change, the post_connection_check in tlsconnect would fail, and the ssl socket would never be closed. I believe this was causing heap corruption which lead to the issues that Sam was seeing.

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After studying the openssl code, I saw that we only call `SSL_shutdown` once[1] and we do not check the return value[2]. This seems like a problem as the OpenSSL documentation says[3]:

It is therefore recommended, to check the return value of `SSL_shutdown()` and call `SSL_shutdown()` again, if the bidirectional shutdown is not yet complete (return value of the first call is 0). As the shutdown is not specially handled in the SSLv2 protocol, `SSL_shutdown()` will succeed on the first call.

Like I said in the original report:

I believe r30294 only fixed a symptom as it closes the SSL socket twice (once from the call to close and once again during GC).

I believe we need to be checking the return value of `SSL_shutdown` from `osssl_ssl_shutdown`, and possibly calling it multiple times. I made that change in r30451, but it was later reverted because we were seeing segvs on the CI machine.

I'll try to come up with a test case to reproduce, but it seems very difficult to me. :-(


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#6 - 06/23/2011 02:27 PM - nahi (Hiroshi Nakamura)

Thanks for the explanation. I think r30294 (fix for lib/net/smtp.rb) is good. It solved the original problem, right? Of course, ext.opensssl should try to shut down the connection gracefully to the extent possible though.

And the second part, can you remember some more details of SEGV you got? If the error you got is timeout or something, it could be caused by infinite loop by r30451. Is this what you're saying?
http://www.rubyist.net/~akr/chkbuild/debian/ruby-trunk/log/20110105T190101Z.log.html.gz

As I wrote above, bi-directional SSL close is hard to control (opposite side is not controllable) so calling `SSL_shutdown()` several times without checking could be enough.

Here's what mod_ssl is doing.

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     * little state machine. Usually only one or two iteration should be
     * needed, so we restrict the total number of restrictions in order to
     * avoid process hangs in case the client played bad with the socket
     * connection and OpenSSL cannot recognize it.
     */
    rc = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < 4 /* max 2x pending + 2x data = 4 */; i++) {
        if ({(rc = SSL_shutdown(ssl))}
            break;
    }
    return rc;
}
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If my guess about the error you got is correct, I'll commit similar changes for `SSL_shutdown()`.

#7 - 06/24/2011 02:23 AM - tenderlovemaking (Aaron Patterson)

On Thu, Jun 23, 2011 at 02:27:41PM +0900, Hiroshi NAKAMURA wrote:

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No problem. :-)

Yes it did solve the original problem, so I am happy.

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Yes, you are correct. It was an infinite loop and not a segv. Thanks for investigating this for me!

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#8 - 06/24/2011 04:10 PM - nahi (Hirosi Nakamura)
- Category set to ext
- Status changed from Assigned to Closed
- Target version set to 1.9.3

Hi,

On Fri, Jun 24, 2011 at 02:13, Aaron Patterson aaron@tenderlovemaking.com wrote:

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No problem! I should have investigated it earlier.
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Committed at r32219. Thanks for your patience for my late response!

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