

## Ruby trunk - Bug #4374

### [ext/openssl] ASN1.decode wrong for infinite length values

02/07/2011 02:52 AM - MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)

<b>Status:</b> Closed	
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b> MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)	
<b>Target version:</b> 1.9.3	
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#### Description

=begin  
Hi all,

ASN.1 decoding behaves incorrectly for DER encodings with infinite length values. Two examples:

```
require 'openssl'  
require 'pp'
```

```
eoc = OpenSSL::ASN1::EndOfContent.new  
int = OpenSSL::ASN1::Integer.new (1)
```

```
inner = OpenSSL::ASN1::Sequence.new([int, eoc])  
inner.infinite_length = true
```

```
outer = OpenSSL::ASN1::Sequence.new([inner, eoc])  
outer.infinite_length = true
```

```
asn1 = OpenSSL::ASN1.decode(outer.to_der)
```

```
pp asn1
```

```
=> #,  
#,  
#]>]>
```

The end of content DER for the outer Sequence is incorrectly stored with the values of the inner sequence. Although after encoding the resulting DER will be correct, the structure should rather look like this:

```
#,  
#]>,  
#]>
```

Another example:

```
require 'openssl'  
require 'pp'
```

```
eoc = OpenSSL::ASN1::EndOfContent.new  
oct = OpenSSL::ASN1::OctetString.new ("\x01")
```

```
inner = OpenSSL::ASN1::Constructive.new([oct, eoc], OpenSSL::ASN1::OCTET_STRING)  
inner.infinite_length = true
```

```
outer = OpenSSL::ASN1::Constructive.new([inner, eoc], OpenSSL::ASN1::OCTET_STRING)  
outer.infinite_length = true
```

```
asn1 = OpenSSL::ASN1.decode(outer.to_der)
```

```
pp asn1
```

```
=> ,
#,
#]>]>]>]>
```

Here it's worse, because when calling `asn1.to_der` it will even result in an error:

```
test.rb:17:in to_der': invalid constructed encoding (OpenSSL::ASN1::ASN1Error)
from test.rb:17:ineach'
from test.rb:17:in to_der'
from test.rb:17:in'
```

The problem are the defaults for `tagging` and `tag_class` in `ossl_asn1_initialize` that are not intuitive and are defaults for tagged DER values instead of "normal" values.

The correct structure for the above would look like this:

```
#,
#]>,
#]>
```

The attached patch fixes the problems and has also "more natural" defaults for `ossl_asn1_initialize`.

```
Regards,
Martin
=end
```

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## Associated revisions

### Revision e7d04f4b - 05/22/2011 09:01 PM - emboss

- `ext/openssl/ossl_asn1.c`: Fix decoding of infinite length values. Simplified `ossl_asn1_decode0` by splitting it into three separate functions. Add tests. [Ruby 1.9 - Bug #4374][ruby-core:35123]

git-svn-id: [svn+ssh://ci.ruby-lang.org/ruby/trunk@31700](https://ci.ruby-lang.org/ruby/trunk@31700) b2dd03c8-39d4-4d8f-98ff-823fe69b080e

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## History

### #1 - 02/07/2011 04:46 AM - MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)

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I verified that with the current code it's not possible to construct a Constructive
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instance without tagging if the tag\_class is passed as an explicit parameter. Tagging will be set to :EXPLICIT if it was passed as nil. That's why

```
if (infinite && !(tag == V_ASN1_SEQUENCE || tag == V_ASN1_SET)){
  asn1data = rb_funcall(cASN1Constructive,
    rb_intern("new"),
    4,
    value,
    INT2NUM(tag),
    Qnil,
    ID2SYM(tag_class));
}
```

in `ossl_asn1_decode0` will always produce a Constructive with :EXPLICIT tagging, and reencoding a parsed ASN.1 value will fail or produce incorrect output.

At first I thought changing the defaults in `ossl_asn1_initialize` would be more intuitive but not essential to the fix - but now I think it has become mandatory.

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## #2 - 05/12/2011 08:11 AM - MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)

- Assignee set to MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)

## #3 - 05/23/2011 06:01 AM - Anonymous

- Status changed from Open to Closed

- % Done changed from 0 to 100

This issue was solved with changeset [r31700](#).

Martin, thank you for reporting this issue.

Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated.

May Ruby be with you.

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## #4 - 05/23/2011 10:32 AM - MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)

Hi,

I fixed this bug and tried to simplify `ossl_asn1_decode0` and improve its performance.

Here is what I did:

- removed the "once" parameter
- added sanity checks that verify that all bytes are actually read when parsing is finished
- tried to reduce complexity by splitting `ossl_asn1_decode0` into three separate methods to make it easier to spot the code that handles constructed values and the code that handles primitive values
- `ossl_asn1_decode` now returns an Array just in the case of parsing constructed values, otherwise it returns the plain value to reduce overall allocated objects
- changed the behavior of `ossl_asn1_initialize` slightly to allow the construction of infinite length primitive values in the form of a Constructive
- replaced `rb_intern` with static symbols to improve performance
- allocate and initialize ASN1Data (and sub-classes) instances in C to improve performance and save additional VM roundtrips
- initialize those instances additionally with tag and tag\_class to avoid hash look-ups each time in `ossl_asn1_initialize`
- added some tests for edge cases (I'll add more soon)

The performance gain is noticeable - in my tests (certificates, CMS signatures) the current implementation was roughly twice as fast as that of 1.9.2p180.

I would be happy about comments and improvements.

Regards,  
Martin

### Files

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fix_asn1.diff	3.62 KB	02/07/2011	MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)
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