

## Ruby trunk - Feature #4560

### [PATCH] lib/net/protocol.rb: avoid exceptions in rbuf\_fill

04/07/2011 11:48 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

<b>Status:</b>	Assigned	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>	normalperson (Eric Wong)	
<b>Target version:</b>		
<b>Description</b>		
Blindly hitting IO#read_nonblock() and raising is expensive due to two factors:		
1) method cache being scanned/cleared when the IO::WaitReadable extended class is GC-ed		
2) backtrace generation		
This reduces the likelihood of an IO::WaitReadable exception, but spurious wakeup can still occur due to bad TCP checksums.		
This optimization only applies to non-OpenSSL sockets. I am using IO#wait here instead of IO.select() since IO#wait is not available on OpenSSL sockets.		
<b>Related issues:</b>		
Related to Ruby trunk - Feature #5138: Add nonblocking IO that does not use e...	<b>Closed</b>	<b>08/02/2011</b>

## History

### #1 - 04/11/2011 07:46 AM - headius (Charles Nutter)

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This is an interesting one. JRuby recently changed how we generate backtraces to using the Java backtrace as the master. This means our backtraces are as expensive to generate as a full Java backtrace for the full stack (think generating a backtrace for all Ruby and C and intermediate calls in Ruby). As a result, any algorithms that generate backtraces as part of normal flow control took a big perf hit.

On JRuby master, I've made a change that does not generate backtraces for EAGAIN, to avoid the overhead of generating it for the expected case of read\_nonblock having nothing available. But it's a bit of a band-aid. The overhead from even *creating* an exception can be weigh into a tight loop over read\_nonblock when there's nothing available, and of course having the backtrace disabled could annoy someone if it leaked out (JRuby points them to a flag to turn the backtraces on). Not sure what's the best long-term solution.

Also, the 1.9 practice of mixing in WaitReadable is really dreadful. It's bad enough in JRuby that it has to construct a new singleton class for every raised exception, but the cache effects in 1.9 are really painful.

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### #2 - 04/11/2011 09:23 AM - normalperson (Eric Wong)

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[redmine@ruby-lang.org](mailto:redmine@ruby-lang.org) wrote:

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Perhaps something similar to the kgio[1] API with IO#tryread/trywrite (that return :wait\_readable/:wait\_writable Symbols) can be moved into the core Ruby IO class (and deprecate IO#read\_nonblock/write\_nonblock).

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Yes, I've been trying to fix that in trunk, too:

[1] <http://bogomips.org/kgio> - \*nix-only, but the API is fully RDoc-ed

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Eric Wong  
=end

**#3 - 03/25/2012 03:16 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)**

- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Assignee set to akr (Akira Tanaka)

**#4 - 10/28/2012 11:12 PM - akr (Akira Tanaka)**

- Target version changed from 2.0.0 to 2.6

**#5 - 12/25/2017 06:14 PM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)**

- Target version deleted (2.6)

**#6 - 03/08/2018 09:09 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)**

- Assignee changed from akr (Akira Tanaka) to normalperson (Eric Wong)

[normalperson \(Eric Wong\)](#), I think that this issue has been fixed more elegantly by introducing `read_nonblock(exception: false)`. Am I right?

**Files**

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