Ruby master - Bug #7556

test error on refinement

12/13/2012 08:13 PM - usa (Usaku NAKAMURA)

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**Description**

1) Error:

test_refine_recursion(TestRefinement):
NoMethodError: undefined method recursive_length for "oo":String
C:/Users/usa/ruby/test/ruby/test_refinement.rb:567:in recursive_length':
in <main>
C:/Users/usa/ruby/test/ruby/test_refinement.rb:806:in eval
C:/Users/usa/ruby/test/ruby/test_refinement.rb:806:in eval_using
C:/Users/usa/ruby/test/ruby/test_refinement.rb:574:intest_refine_recursion'

On my box this error is 100% reproducible, but I also know that RubyCI and RubyInstaller CI don't report this error.
I've heard that nobu reproduced this bug on x86_64-darwin, but I don't know the detail of his environment.

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**Associated revisions**

Revision 1d7f7375 - 12/14/2012 08:04 AM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)

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```
git-svn-id: svn+ssh://ci.ruby-lang.org/ruby/trunk@38377 b2dd03c8-39d4-4d8f-98ff-823fe69b080e
```

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History
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Once I wrote the detail of my debugging, but it is lost by accidental reboot of my PC.

I have no energy to rewrite it, because writing long English sentences irritates me, especially after seeing mails which reproach our native language.

Two solutions:

1) Write short English sentences.
2) Write in Japanese. (If somebody thinks they really need to know what you wrote, they can ask on the list.)

But I know that for creative people, it is much harder to do the same work again than to do it the first time. I once worked on Devanagari rendering, but lost that work in a reboot. I didn't want to redo it, so I worked on Tamil instead. (I just wanted to see whether my architecture was able to handle Indic rendering issues.)

Regards, Martin.

#2 - 12/13/2012 10:32 PM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)
- Assignee changed from shugo (Shugo Maeda) to ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

usa (Usaku NAKAMURA) wrote:

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To avoid an infinite loop by super in a refinement, ci->call is used to distinguish super calls from normal calls, and if it's a super call, skip the same method.
However, VC++ optimizes vm_call_general and vm_call_super_method into the same method because they have the same definition, so ci->call cannot be used to distinguish super calls from normal calls. How intelligent VC++ is!

I've found that the following hack fixes the problem:

```ruby
static VALUE
vm_call_super_method(rb_thread_t th, rb_control_frame_t *reg_cfp, rb_call_info_t *ci)
{
  #ifdef _WIN32
  volatile int x = 0; /to avoid VC++ optimization which makes
  vm_call_super_method as an alias of
  vm_call_general!
  #endif
  return vm_call_method(th, reg_cfp, ci);
}
```

Sasada-san, do you accept this ugly hack, or do you come up with a neat solution?

#3 - 12/13/2012 11:23 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

(2012/12/13 22:32), shugo (Shugo Maeda) wrote:
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To answer your question, I need to learn how refinement is implemented. Please wait a moment.
(or please commit it ahead and left this ticket open)

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// SASADA Koichi at atdot dot net

#4 - 12/13/2012 11:23 PM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)
Hi,

2012/12/13 SASADA Koichi ko1@atdot.net:

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To answer your question, I need to learn how refinement is implemented. Please wait a moment.
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Thanks for your quick response.
I've committed the workaround, and have left the ticket open.

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Shugo Maeda

#5 - 12/14/2012 12:44 AM - phasis68 (Heesob Park)
Here is another workaround:

```c
#ifdef _MSC_VER
#pragma optimize("", off )
#endif
static VALUE
vm_call_super_method(rb_thread_t *th, rb_control_frame_t *reg_cfp, rb_call_info_t *ci)
{
return vm_call_method(th, reg_cfp, ci);
}
#else
#pragma optimize("", on )
#endif
```

#6 - 12/14/2012 01:47 PM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)
Hello,

phasis68 (Heesob Park) wrote:

Here is another workaround:

```c
#ifdef _MSC_VER
#pragma optimize("", off )
#endif
```

Thanks for your suggestion.

But it seems that the `#pragma optimize("", off )` version is slightly slower than the volatile int `x = 0` version.

with volatile int `x = 0`:

```
C:\Users\shugo\Documents\Source\ruby>ruby\bin\ruby bm_vm2_super.rb
Rehearsal --------------------------------------------------------
super  1.778000  0.000000  1.778000 (  1.783227)
-------------------------------- total: 1.778000sec

user system total real
super  1.810000  0.000000  1.810000 (  1.806230)
```

C:\Users\shugo\Documents\Source\ruby>ruby\bin\ruby bm_vm2_super.rb
I guess #pragma optimize( "", off ) disables function inlining of vm_call_method.

#7 - 12/14/2012 02:51 PM - phasis68 (Heesob Park)
Here is a modified version which does not disable function inline expansion.

```c
#ifndef _MSC_VER
#pragma optimize("g",off)
#endif

static VALUE
vm_call_super_method(rb_thread_t *th, rb_control_frame_t *reg_cfp, rb_call_info_t *ci)
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#8 - 12/14/2012 03:13 PM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)
phasis68 (Heesob Park) wrote:

Here is a modified version which does not disable function inline expansion.

```c
#ifndef _MSC_VER
#pragma optimize("g",off)
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```
I also tried it, but couldn't see improvement:

```
C:\Users\shugo\Documents\Source\ruby>ruby\bin\ruby bm_vm2_super.rb
Rehearsal  -------------------------
  super  1.856000   0.000000   1.856000 (  1.868237)
  -------------------------------- total: 1.856000sec
     user     system     total      real
  super  1.872000   0.000000   1.872000 (  1.910743)
C:\Users\shugo\Documents\Source\ruby>ruby\bin\ruby bm_vm2_super.rb
Rehearsal  -------------------------
  super  1.841000   0.000000   1.841000 (  1.860736)
  -------------------------------- total: 1.841000sec
     user     system     total      real
  super  1.903000   0.016000   1.919000 (  1.956249)
C:\Users\shugo\Documents\Source\ruby>ruby\bin\ruby bm_vm2_super.rb
Rehearsal  -------------------------
  super  1.872000   0.000000   1.872000 (  1.927244)
  -------------------------------- total: 1.872000sec
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#9 - 12/14/2012 03:59 PM - phasis68 (Heesob Park)
Here is a different workaround using __forceinline on vm_call_method function.

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static #ifdef _MSC_VER
    __forceinline
#else
    inline
#endif
VALUE
vm_call_method(rb_thread_t *th, rb_control_frame_t *cfp, rb_call_info_t *ci)
{
    ...
}
```

#10 - 12/14/2012 04:55 PM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)
phasis68 (Heesob Park) wrote:

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}
```

Thanks, it solves the problem without the optimize pragma for rb_call_super_method, and performance decrease hasn't been observed.

Could you tell me why __forceinline for vm_call_method prevent VC++ to make vm_call_general and vm_call_super_method as the same function? I couldn't find the reason at URL: http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/vstudio/z8y1yy88.

#11 - 12/14/2012 05:04 PM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)
- Status changed from Assigned to Closed
- % Done changed from 0 to 100

This issue was solved with changeset r38377.
Usaku, thank you for reporting this issue.
Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated.
May Ruby be with you.

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#12 - 12/14/2012 05:41 PM - phasis68 (Heesob Park)
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#13 - 12/14/2012 05:57 PM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)
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#14 - 12/14/2012 06:29 PM - phasis68 (Heesob Park)
2012/12/14 shugo (Shugo Maeda) redmine@ruby-lang.org
Issue #7556 has been updated by shugo (Shugo Maeda).
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The __forceinline keyword overrides the cost/benefit analysis and relies on the judgment of the programmer instead.
Using __forceinline insures that all functions which call vm_call_method function have the inline expanded code instead of vm_call_method function call.
Thus, vm_call_general and vm_call_super_method are separated function.