

Ruby trunk - Feature #9456

Include bin/racc with ruby

01/28/2014 12:22 AM - zzak (Zachary Scott)

Status:	Assigned	
Priority:	Normal	
Assignee:	hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)	
Target version:		
Description		
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Related issues:		
Related to Ruby trunk - Feature #5481: Gemifying Ruby standard library		Assigned
Related to Ruby trunk - Feature #14158: Update racc library with changes from...		Assigned

History

#1 - 01/28/2014 12:24 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

Who are maintain it?

#2 - 01/28/2014 12:28 AM - zzak (Zachary Scott)

- Assignee set to aamine (Minero Aoki)

[As Aaron has pointed out](#), the binary executable is GPL.

So I'm assigning this ticket to Aoki-san as this change depends on possibly re-licensing bin/racc

#3 - 01/28/2014 01:06 AM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)

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#4 - 01/28/2014 02:48 AM - zzak (Zachary Scott)

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#5 - 01/28/2014 02:49 AM - zzak (Zachary Scott)

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RDoc does, here's the [initial discussion](#) that resulted in this ticket.

#6 - 01/28/2014 05:38 AM - david_macmahon (David MacMahon)

I think a distinction needs to be made between the racc executable and the racc runtime library. My understanding is that the racc executable (bin/racc) is needed to develop a racc-based parser for a given application. Anyone who wants to use the application that contains the resultant parser needs the racc runtime library, but they don't need the racc executable. Thus, including the racc runtime library in the Ruby standard library is a way to ensure that racc parsers will be usable by anyone with a basic Ruby environment. Those who want to develop racc-based parsers will need the racc executable (and a suitable grammar file) to generate the parser, but those developers are more than capable of obtaining the racc executable (e.g. by installing the racc gem) for their own development environment.

Instead of asking for bin/racc to be included in the standard library, it make more sense (IMHO) to ask whether the racc runtime could be removed from the standard library so as not to favor one parser runtime library over another one. For example, since the racc runtime is included in stdlib, why not also include the treetop runtime (if there is one) or any other "runtime" library in stdlib? Where does line of reasoning end?

On the other hand, why even have a standard library if everything can be installed gems? Where would that line of reasoning end?

My guess is that the racc runtime library has been "grandfathered in" since it has been part of stdlib for so long (since Ruby 1.6?).

Dave

On Jan 27, 2014, at 6:48 PM, e@zzak.io wrote:

Issue [#9456](#) has been updated by Zachary Scott.

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Bug [#9456](#): Include bin/racc with ruby
<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/9456#change-44648>

- Author: Zachary Scott
- Status: Open
- Priority: Normal
- Assignee: Minero Aoki
- Category:
- Target version: current: 2.2.0
- ruby -v: 2.2.0dev

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<http://bugs.ruby-lang.org/>

#7 - 01/28/2014 09:33 PM - drbrain (Eric Hodel)

RDoc needs a racc runtime to parse the RD (rdtool) documentation in the ruby sources.

#8 - 05/15/2017 03:04 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Target version changed from 2.2.0 to 2.5
- Assignee changed from aamine (Minero Aoki) to hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)
- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Tracker changed from Bug to Feature

#9 - 05/15/2017 03:08 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Related to Feature #5481: Gemifying Ruby standard library added

#10 - 05/15/2017 03:08 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

note: <https://github.com/tenderlove/racc/issues/85>

#11 - 12/01/2017 04:42 PM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)

- Target version deleted (2.5)

#12 - 12/07/2017 06:05 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Related to Feature #14158: Update racc library with changes from upstream added