

Terminal Editors For **Ruby Core Toolchain ITOYANAGI** Sakura RubyKaigi 2019 Fukuoka

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Greeting



Hello, everyone!

Greeting



Welcome to Fukuoka, Japan!



I'm

-) a RDoc maintainer
- 📀 a Ruby committer
 - a member of Ruby core team



I'm so tired because this is first session just after keynote.





Dark green area is Kyushu





RubyKaigi venue is Fukuoka





I was born at Nagasaki





How strange shape the arrows are





Both are almost the same culture area





Both eat tonkotsu ramen





Black Mont Blanc





This is the greatest soul food of Kyushu people





White ice cream is covered black chocolate and crunchy chips in perfect balance





All children in Kyushu are raised on Black Mont Blanc and everyone love it, Black Mont Blanc is nice so Kyushu is nice

Community: Asakusa.rb





Asakusa.rb is holding every Ruby Tuesday

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Many speakers of RubyKaigi 2019 are from Asakusa.rb

Company: Space Pirates, LLC.



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And, my hobby is climbing.



I always go climbing when Ruby conferences.





But I got an injured TFCC by hard training





Camp in a gorge at last weekend





It's a prosthetic finger for climbing





Climbing with prosthetic finger





Camp in a gorge at last weekend





Camp in a gorge at last weekend



This type of injury has so hard problem, it's "I can't turn my humerus".





It's natural position of humerus





It's typing position of humerus





"I can't turn my humerus"

VS

Typing position with turning my humerus



I'm still getting over the injury and I've gotten a lot better now.



But I couldn't turn my humerus in the early days. It is effectively sentencing a programmer to death.





In the severe situation, I felt I had to choose.



I should:



make a keyboard

📀 make an editor


Hobby: climbing

I should:





Terminal Editors For Ruby Core Toolchain



First, I got...

Terminal Editors For Ruby Core Toolchain



TFCC injury



Ruby has one big problem when installing, it's about GNU Readline.



GNU Readline is a line editor software. For example, you always use it on shell.



Ruby has readline standard library, and it's based on GNU Readline as a native library.



If you build and install Ruby without installing GNU Readline as a linkable files:





readline stdlib is nothing



Only "input" and "backspace" are available on IRB



🕘 Pry fails to launch



It's a very sad situation and a hard trap for beginners.



And user including me needs to re-build Ruby, it means I need to type keyboard more.





It's worst case for my wrist



So I started to develop a GNU Readline compatible library by pure Ruby for Ruby core.



I had a plan to explain terminal technologies in this session but now...





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Terminal curses

Terminal programming with curses is useful and fun, but it sometimes brings terminal curses.

This talk shows basics of terminals (e.g., real text terminals, terminal emulators, the controlling terminal, /dev/tty and con, pty, control characters, escape sequences, termcap/terminfo, terminal mode), pros and cons of text-based user interfaces, an introduction to curses.gem, its applications, and issues you'll face when programming with curses.

Now, an unprecedented boom in text editor.





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You can listen to terminal techniques in this session tomorrow.



I developed **Reline** what is as a GNU Readline (almost)compatible library by pure Ruby.



Reline's development policies are:



complete developing as soon as possible

because GNU Readline has insanely many features



Reline's development policies are:



Windows support by Win32 API

because it's best way to support Windows



Therefore Reline uses:





Win32 API on Windows



Therefore Reline uses:

ANSI escape code on Unix like OSs



🕒 Win32 API on Windows

ANSI escape code



ANSI escape code is a standard specification to control the cursor location, color, and other options on terminal.

ANSI escape code



If a terminal supports ANSI escape code, softwares control unified escape code.



puts "\e[31mred" puts "\e[32mgreen" puts "\e[34mblue"



puts	"\e[31m"	+	"red"
puts	"\e[32m"	+	"green"
puts	"\e[34m"	+	"blue"



puts	"\e[31m"	+ "red"
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#	<pre>^color spec</pre>	^text
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Output should be like this



print "\e[#{num}A" # Cursor Up print "\e[#{num}B" # Cursor Down





print **"\e[2K"** *# Erase in Line*

ANSI escape code



But ANSI escape code has some problems:



there aren't many things to be able do

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some escape sequences are very slow grievously





For example,

print "\e[6n" # Device Status Report

is very slow.

ANSI escape code



If software uses Device Status Report so many times, it should slower by the by.

ANSI escape code



So terminal software with ANSI escape code should be devised within limited operations.



Reline uses:

ANSI escape code on Unix like OSs



Win32 API



Fiddle what is for calling functions inside .dll or .so dynamic libraries is only one solution for supporting Win32 API.

Win32 API



This is "Console Functions" page URL of Win32 API.

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https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/console/console-functions
Win32 API



"Console Functions" is enough to do that the same of ANSI escape code.

Win32 API



- GetStdHandle() for console handle
- SetConsoleCursorPosition() is for cursor up and down
- GetConsoleScreenBufferInfo() is for cursor position
- 📀 blah blah blah



It was so hard work to complete.



So I always do programming, on a desk, on a bed, in trains, in a bathroom, in a toilet...





Sometimes I use computer on the floor





I got right anterior cruciate ligament injury





I got right anterior cruciate ligament injury



Multibyte characters of Unicode has so complex specifications:



- combination plural bytes to one character
- combination plural characters to one grapheme cluster
- character width depending on the situation
- 📀 blah blah blah



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I'll omit to explain these 2 specs because of too complex.



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Some Unicode characters' width are changed by the situation, for example Cyrillic alphabet.





I'll show 2 gnome-terminal screenshot.



"Д" as a single width character



"Д" as a double width character

Unicode support echo 'あ' echo 'あ' echo 'Д' echo 'l'

Both are the same strings, but changed width of "Д"

Unicode support echo 'あ' echo 'あ' echo 'Д' echo 'l'

The behaviour is based on terminal software settings



How to resolve:

- show in actuality and check width and...
- delete it before user awakes, in an eye's blink





Vim has a function, may_req_ambiguous_char_width(), the comment of it says...



First, we move the cursor to (1, 0) and print a test ambiguous character \u25bd (WHITE DOWN-POINTING TRIANGLE) and query current cursor position.







New headache comes, it's killing me





I ported it to Reline. Coolest software.

Next, let me implement line editing features to Reline.

These are key assigned operations...

- operation method list
 - 😒 ed_insert(key)
 - ed_quoted_insert(str, arg: 1)
 - ed_next_char(key, arg: 1)
 - ed_prev_char(key, arg: 1)
 - ed_move_to_beg(key)
 - ed_move_to_end(key)
 - ed_prev_history(key, arg: 1)
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Oh, list is cut off in the middle...

operation method list(smaller)

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- 📀 ed_move_to_end(key)
- ed_prev_history(key, arg: 1)
- ed_next_history(key, arg: 1)
- 📀 ed_newline(key)
- em_delete_prev_char(key)
- 📀 ed_kill_line(key)
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Ah...

operation method list(smallest)

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- em_delete_prev_char(key)
- ed_kill_line(key)
- em_kill_line(key)
- em_delete_or_list(key)
- em_yank(key)
- em_yank_pop(key)
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Too many

operation method list (smallester)



GNU Readline features are:

- emacs mode
 - kill-ring
 - yank, yank-pop
- 📀 vi mode
 - orgumented operations
 - o combination of operation and motion
 - o undo
- setting files
 - key binding
 - macro
- 📀 blah blah blah


Line editing implementation

Demonstration





Today's description of this session explains about "Reidline".



"Reidline" is authored for new IRB by keiju-san who is Ruby's grandfather, it behaves as a multiline editor like JavaScript console on browsers.

It had many technical problems but I've already solved that when I implemented Reline.

So I helped to complete Reidline.



Therefore, I improved Reline for Reidline. It supports multiline a few days ago!





Stiffness of neck, shoulder, lower back





There are 3 editors by Ruby



And, I'm the current RDoc maintainer. So I added new feature that shows document after completion.



Demonstration



I started development of editor for my wrist, but crash of my body is continued.



Incredible situation.



And, at 3rd day of RubyKaigi, Ruby 2.7.0-preview1 will be released, with Reline and Reidline.





So I should fix all bugs for the day.





My body will be gone





This is my last work of Heisei era





C'mon, Reiwa era...