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Subject: Re: A [TreeCtrl] bug

Posted by [mrjt](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2008 12:16:28 GMT

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As far as I can see Mirek's version is the correct fix here.

luzr wrote on Mon, 03 March 2008 18:17Note that Null assignments there are rather intended to release the memory....

mr\_ped wrote on Tue, 04 March 2008 11:38Quote:key = Null is necessary. for memory release. Why? I don't see any connection between those two in C++.

Although I admit it's a good practice in C++ to always null your pointers after you released the allocated memory they are pointing to, so you don't access the freed memory by accident and rather get exception from null pointer, but actually it's "memory release for key = null", not "key = null for memory release", the reason and the consequence are the other way around.

I believe this is because both key and value are Value types that may contain reference-counted objects (such as Image), and setting Null is required to decrement this count and (perhaps) free the memory. So setting Null is can be the cause of memory release.

But if this is the case then surely 'key = Null' should be added? I admit it's unlikely that a reference counted object would be used as a Key, but it seems to be cost-free and doesn't break any code so why not do it?

I could be wrong about all this though, my understanding of this aspect of Upp is somewhat limited.

James

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