
Subject: Re: Heap-leaks and polymorphic containers

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luzr wrote on Mon, 12 May 2008 18:05 Well, virtual destructor is absolutely required here. Hmm. I understand why this works (the implicit destructor isn't virtual):

```
struct Item : public Moveable<Item> {  
    String name;
```

```
    virtual ~Item() { }  
};
```

```
struct Collection : public Item  
{  
    Array<Item> items;  
};
```

```
GUI_APP_MAIN  
{  
    Collection *col = new Collection();  
    col->items.Add();  
    Item *item = (Item *)col;  
    delete item;  
}
```

But what baffles me is why this works with Vector, but not Array (the Array's destructor doesn't get called but the Vector one does).

```
struct Item : public Moveable<Item> {  
    String name;  
};
```

```
struct Collection : public Item  
{  
    Vector<Item> items; // Heap leak if changed to Array  
};
```

```
GUI_APP_MAIN  
{  
    Collection *col = new Collection();  
    col->items.Add();  
    Item *item = (Item *)col;  
    delete item;  
}
```
