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Subject: Re: Sharing and Locking

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luzr wrote on Wed, 17 March 2010 01:50Quote:

No, the considered situation is a bit more complicated. Because I used not `shared_ptr` for global variable but `weak_ptr`, the object will live until it will be destroyed in thread 1. But if I was successfull on converting from `weak_ptr` to `shared_ptr`, than the object lifetime will be longer and will be destroyed when loop in thread 1 and thread 2 will be restarted. In any case the object will not be in partial (or zombie) state when it will be destroyed in destructor instead of some method like `Close`, `Destroy` or other.

Well, that is not what I mean. What is bad about shared ownership is exactly that it makes the lifetime of object unpredictable.

Yes, lifetime object will be unpredictable in sense that if my `shared_ptr` will be destroyed that the object itself cannot be. But it's not a problem in most cases, you can treat it as automatic garbage collector for C++. So if clients (thread 2) want to use object than you (thread 1) should not prevent them from any operation even if you don't need it. In my practice I cannot remember the situation when an unpredicted lifetime would be a problem.

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