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Subject: `_pick` understanding  
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hi there,

in  
[http://www.ultimatepp.org/srcdoc\\$Core\\$pick\\_\\$en-us.html](http://www.ultimatepp.org/srcdoc$Core$pick_$en-us.html)

there is `_pick` explained as

```
#define _pick const
```

but when i look in code the `_pick` definition in MSC environment is empty.. why? setting it to `const` there as well compiles well..  
is there any thing special to MSC to consider? just out of curiosity..

Defs.h:277

```
#ifdef COMPILER_MSC  
#define pick_  
#else  
#define pick_ const  
#endif
```

another question:

Topt.h:252

```
template <class T, class B = EmptyClass>  
class DeepCopyOption : public B {  
public:  
    friend T& operator<=<=(T& dest, const T& src)  
    { if(&dest != &src) { (&dest)->T::~~T(); ::new(&dest) T(src, 1); } return dest; }  
    friend void DeepCopyConstruct(void *dest, const T& src)  
    { ::new (dest) T(src, 0); }  
    friend T *DeepCopyNew(const T& src)  
    { return ::new T(src, 0); }  
};
```

uses 1 for param in `<=<=` operator while link above also states that the second int parameter is just for distinction and ignored. is it evaluated anywhere? maybe to indicate a reuse??

IMHO `_pick` should be explained a bit better, i understand the problem leading to `_pick` solution, but especially the explanation

Quote:

C++ disallows binding temporaries to non-const references - and that is unfortunately just the thing we need to do here, as we need to change the source temporary returned from a function.

should be visualised by a (not permitted) code snippet as well.

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