
Subject: Re: LaunchWebBrowser() problem and perhaps not the best solution
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Hello Mirek

In fact WaitForSingleObject() is useless as it always wait the timeout.

However I realized that sometimes the string passed is released BEFORE the thread is really run so second call to ShellExecuteW() fails as LaunchWebBrowser() has ended before .

The proposed solution is this one:

```
void ShellExecuteOpen(char *str)
{
    ShellExecuteW(NULL, L"open", ToSystemCharsetW(str), NULL, L".", SW_SHOWDEFAULT);
    free((void *)str);
}
```

```
void LaunchWebBrowser(const String& url)
{
    if (int(ShellExecuteW(NULL, L"open", ToSystemCharsetW(url), NULL, L".",
    SW_SHOWDEFAULT)) <= 32) {
        char *curl = (char *)malloc(url.GetLength()+1);
        strcpy(curl, url);
        HANDLE handle = CreateThread(NULL, 0,
        (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)&ShellExecuteOpen, (LPVOID)curl, 0, NULL);
        if (handle == NULL)
            return;
        CloseHandle(handle);
    }
}
```

The thread receives the string and releases it.
