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Subject: Variable number of TopWindows  
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I have a need for a variable number of TopWindows (to hold information persistently on the screen while I work in other window(s) of same app). I got this working for a single window (see "Separate Info Window, 7apr17), but when I try to extend this to a VectorMap of windows, e.g.,

```
VectorMap<int, SeparateInfoWindow> siws;
```

instead of

```
SeparateInfoWindow siw;
```

my compiler (Visual Studio 2012 C++) complains:

```
...\uppsrc\CtrlLib/StaticCtrl.h(17): error C2248: 'Upp::Ctrl::Ctrl' : cannot access private member declared in class 'Upp::Ctrl'
```

```
... This diagnostic occurred in the compiler generated function  
'Upp::StaticText::StaticText(Upp::StaticText &)'
```

```
(when the SeparateInfoWindow contains a Label) and
```

```
...\uppsrc\CtrlLib/TextEdit.h(195): error C2248: 'Upp::Ctrl::Ctrl' : cannot access private member declared in class 'Upp::Ctrl'
```

```
... This diagnostic occurred in the compiler generated function  
'Upp::TextCtrl::TextCtrl(Upp::CextCtrl &)'
```

```
(when the SeparateInfoWindow contains a DocEdit (which is derived from TextCtrl))
```

I am using Upp v. 5485, and I don't think there's anything wrong with the Upp StaticText or TextCtrl code.

I am guessing that VectorMap needs to know all the details of the values (SeparateInfoWindow, in this case) that it is mapping, cannot see their private parts, and therefore can't build the map.

I have tried instead to use pointers to SeparateInfoWindows and build a VectorMap of the pointers. I do my own allocation of space using new SeparateInfoWindow, and store the pointers in the VectorMap. The code compiles, but when it executes, when I retrieve one of the pointers from the VectorMap and try to change the text of either the Label or the DocEdit in that window, I get an access violation error. I am guessing that I am being foiled by some fundamental difference between the references returned by VectorMap.Add() and VectorMap.Get() and the pointer values stored in the VectorMap. I've tried things like:

```
(SeparateInfoWindow*)& psiw=vectorMap.Get(key); // this seems to sort of work
```

```
(*psiw).label.SetLabel("new text"); // throws Access Violation
```

```
(*psiw).docedit.Set("new text"); // throws Access Violation
```

How can I do a collection of a variable number of TopWindows? Do I have to have an explicit declaration (and name, in source code, at compile time) for each one (in order for the references to work)?

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