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Subject: Re: I keep getting the same "cannot open exe for writing" error...

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Then `TerminateChildProcesses()` might be a better solution if it doesn't block.

In any case terminating an unknown eventually buggy process which can have child processes, threads and pending IO can go wrong.

Cleanly terminating is without problems in simple cases and might be impossible in complicated cases.

Compromises are necessary. Terminating is always an emergency brake.

I must admit, I am unable to write this debugger and I value and respect your work.

I have only focussed to this problem and went through the code step by step and had an idea what to look for: uninitialized variables, dangling pointers, buffer overflows, race conditions. And in this case it seems to be a race condition.

BTW, if there are child processes, then there is the question if it is good to terminate them. Possibly they can be terminated with the task manager or Sysinternals Process explorer or a debugger can be attached to them?

All the best

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