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Posted by [mr_ped](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 10:25:56 GMT
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        v1 = GetRVal(v1);
        switch(oper) {
            case '+': v1.address += q; break;
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            default: ThrowError("Invalid pointer arithmetics");
        }
        return v1;
    }
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        v2 = GetRVal(v2);
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 10:41:13 GMT
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Thanks!

Mirek

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Posted by [mr_ped](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 12:00:45 GMT
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And changing the code to:

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    ...

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I did check Assist a bit... I'm still confused about how exactly the evaluation of type works with all those strings and things like "operator()" in results (running it couple of times in debugger would certainly help me, but I don't know how to debug Assist), but I see it's completely different from pdb approach and definitely not as easy to fix, as I dreamed it will be. Actually quite difficult for newcomer like me.

I will probably give up with the Assist, and try to add some more improvements to debugger, if I will have some spare time.

I think that will be easier for me, the debugger code is pretty clean and easy to work with.

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@Mirek: did this one make it into UPP?

I didn't check UPP for loooooong time, have been busy with other projects, but right now I'm searching for a C++ IDE for linux for commercial development, so I think I will watch UPP more closely again.

I hope you are glad I'm back. hehe (because I'm)

The last time I checked UPP (can't even remember the version number, must have been a year or so) this fix of array debugging was not added. If not, why not?

Subject: Re: Bug (?) in ide\Debuggers\Exp.cpp
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2007 18:40:57 GMT
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Welcome back.

Sorry for not replying about that patch. The reason was that I am not sure what problem it is patching - array access (like in data[2]) is in Pdb::Post.

Can you post a testcase where current code does not work as it should?

Mirek