
Subject: Reliably converting between `std::vector<uint8_t>` and `WString`

Posted by [steveo](#) on Sat, 21 Nov 2020 23:17:33 GMT

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I have a desire to use some encryption libraries which are not `WString` aware.

How do I reliably take the raw buffer of a `WString` and convert it to a `std::vector<uint8_t>`?

and conversely.

How do I reliably take a buffer thus converted and reliably put it back into a `WString`?

It's been years since I did pointer arithmetic and back in the day we simply ignored `WString` because we could.

```
WString input = "Some unicode text";
std::vector<uint8_t> bytes(const uint8_t*)input.Begin(), input.GetCount()*sizeof(wchar));
WString output((const wchar*)bytes.data(), (bytes.size()/sizeof(wchar)));
```

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Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Sat, 21 Nov 2020 23:26:46 GMT

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Quote:How do I reliably take the raw buffer of a `WString` and convert it to a `std::vector<uint8_t>`?

Both `Upp::WString` and `Upp::String` classes have a `ToStd()` method and relevant constructors which converts them to `std::string` or from `std::string` to them, if that's what you need.

If you simply need Utf16 to Utf8 conversion, there is also a `ToUtf8` method that takes a `WString` and converts it to Utf8.

Best regards,
Oblivion
