
Subject: Heap-leaks and polymorphic containers

Posted by [mrjt](#) on Mon, 12 May 2008 15:41:09 GMT

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```
struct Item {  
    String name;  
};
```

```
struct Collection : public Item  
{  
    Array<Item> items;  
};
```

GUI_APP_MAIN

```
{  
    // Example 1  
    Array<Item> array;  
    array.Create<Collection>().items.Add();
```

```
    // Example 2  
    Collection *col = new Collection();  
    col->items.Add();  
    Item *item = (Item *)col;  
    delete item;  
}
```

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Is something broken or am I just missing something obvious?

Subject: Re: Heap-leaks and polymorphic containers

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 12 May 2008 17:05:28 GMT

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Well, virtual destructor is absolutely required here.

The crash in MemoryFreeDebug... well, who knows, I would say it has another reason.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Heap-leaks and polymorphic containers

Posted by [mrjt](#) on Tue, 13 May 2008 13:46:55 GMT

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luzr wrote on Mon, 12 May 2008 18:05Well, virtual destructor is absolutely required here.Hmm. I understand why this works (the implicit destructor isn't virtual):

```
struct Item : public Moveable<Item> {
    String name;
```

```
    virtual ~Item() { }
};
```

```
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{
    Array<Item> items;
};
```

GUI_APP_MAIN

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But what baffles me is why this works with Vector, but not Array (the Array's destructor doesn't get

```
called but the Vector one does).
struct Item : public Moveable<Item> {
    String name;
};

struct Collection : public Item
{
    Vector<Item> items; // Heap leak if changed to Array
};

GUI_APP_MAIN
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}
```

Subject: Re: Heap-leaks and polymorphic containers
Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 13 May 2008 14:00:21 GMT
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Arrrrgh, a bug in leak detector...

Vector is using "MemoryAllocSz" variant, which is not implement with leak checking.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Heap-leaks and polymorphic containers
Posted by [mrjt](#) on Tue, 13 May 2008 14:02:27 GMT
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Thank god! I was beginning to think I was delusional

Subject: Re: Heap-leaks and polymorphic containers
Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Tue, 13 May 2008 21:39:17 GMT
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luzr wrote on Tue, 13 May 2008 16:00Arrrrgh, a bug in leak detector...

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Mirek

That one drove me crazy when I was looking for memory violation bug !

Max

Subject: Re: Heap-leaks and polymorphic containers
Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 14 May 2008 06:30:06 GMT
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Yeah, a time to fix this.

Mirek
