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Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 19:29:37 GMT

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Ehm, now this one is correct and I am wrong.

In fact, theide itself forks in SlaveProcess quite frequently.

Mirek

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Yep, I've read that fork() just shares the file handles with both processes... if you close child (what happens with exit() function...) also the parent handles get closed.

BTW, that's not the problem in my small test app, it does crash BEFORE, even if I take off the PromptOK stuffs.

Ciao

Max

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