
Subject: MSC problems: pick_ != const

Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Sun, 19 Apr 2009 21:07:04 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 19 Apr 2009 22:25:22 GMT

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Yes and no.

pick definitely is not equal to semantics of const. (const guarantees no change).

That, after all, is why there is #define pick_...

Anyway, we are sort of at odds with C++ standard here as we would like to have pick_ constructors used when returning containers from functions. According to C++ standard, this is only possible if they are const (the critical rule is "nonconst references cannot be bound to temporaries").

Surprisingly, MSC++ has relaxed rules (you can call it a bug) w.r.t. to this, probably because some old MFC code was breaking the rule too. As we know when we are compiling with MSC, I decided make #define pick_ empty in that case; it better matches wanted pick_ semantics and is able to catch a bug here are there, like if you are trying to use DeepCopyConstruct on pick type.

Mirek

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Then the question is why U++ uses DeepCopyConstruct for Vector elements? The code seems "clean" from U++ point of view. So why isn't it compiled successfully?

ADD: If the problem is with Xmlize, could you please tell why and how to solve it for pick types?

Subject: Re: MSC problems: pick_ != const
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You need to add deep copy constructor to AOp.

It can either be 'implicit' one or 'optional'.

With optional, you need to add uniform access using DeepCopyOption.

See

[http://www.ultimatepp.org/srcdoc\\$Core\\$pick_\\$en-us.html](http://www.ultimatepp.org/srcdoc$Core$pick_$en-us.html)

Note that would it be your way, data would be destroyed during 'Store' operation. I guess that is not one would expect...

Mirek
