
Subject: Heap memory leaks - how to debug the fastest way?[SOLVED]

Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Fri, 17 Mar 2006 23:02:00 GMT

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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Fri, 17 Mar 2006 23:59:34 GMT

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and in log file I have:

ActivateWnd class TopWindow : 0x12fdb0(hwnd 0x4b01fe)

About to set focus: class TopWindow : 0x12fdb0(hwnd 0x4b01fe)

Do SyncCaret focusCtrl: class TopWindow : 0x12fdb0(hwnd 0x4b01fe), caretCtrl: NULL

Focus: class TopWindow : 0x12fdb0(hwnd 0x4b01fe) FocusWnd:class TopWindow :
0x12fdb0(hwnd 0x4b01fe)

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  +16 0x00DE2398 5C 4D 53 43 37 31 2E 44 65 62 75 67 5F 66 75 6C   \MSC71.Debug_ful
  +32 0x00DE23A8 6C 2E 47 75 69 5C 00 65 46 72 65 65 46 72 65 65   l.Gui\..eFreeFree
Memory at 0xDE23C8, size 0x28 = 40

  +16 0x00DE23D8 46 72 65 65 26 00 00 00 2F 00 00 00 00 00 00 00   Free&.../.....
  +32 0x00DE23E8 00 00 00 00 46 72 65 65   ....Free
Memory at 0xDE2448, size 0x28 = 40
  +0 0x00DE2448 46 72 65 65 64 31 5F 63 6F 70 79 00 46 72 65 65   Freed1_copy.Free
  +16 0x00DE2458 46 72 65 65 07 00 00 00 0F 00 00 00 00 00 00 00   Free.....
  +32 0x00DE2468 00 00 00 00 46 72 65 65   ....Free
Memory at 0xDE2488, size 0x28 = 40
  +0 0x00DE2488 46 72 65 65 64 31 5F 63 6F 70 79 2E 64 00 65 65   Freed1_copy.d.ee
  +16 0x00DE2498 46 72 65 65 09 00 00 00 0F 00 00 00 00 00 00 00   Free.....
  +32 0x00DE24A8 00 00 00 00 46 72 65 65   ....Free

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 Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 18 Mar 2006 10:54:09 GMT
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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Sat, 18 Mar 2006 20:26:04 GMT
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Mirek

Thank you. That's very useful. I'll try. Meanwhile, I had found the culprits using traditional ways. I'm pretty sure that was some name clashes with U++...

Subject: Re: Heap memory leaks - how to debug?
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 18 Mar 2006 20:40:36 GMT
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Quote:
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Yes, I am afraid the time is coming to seriously reconsider namespaces...

Mirek

Subject: Re: Heap memory leaks - how to debug?
Posted by [nixnixnix](#) on Mon, 27 Oct 2008 20:48:11 GMT
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Hello,

So obviously heapdbg.cpp has changed somewhat since that was written. Which line do We need to add the breakpoint to now please?

Nick
