
Subject: Bug in xml parser?

Posted by [aftershock](#) on Fri, 09 Jul 2010 20:55:04 GMT

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It looks so.

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Modified xmlrpc\client.cpp

This is the result of changes around line 65.

```
if(IsNull(response)) {  
    faultCode = XMLRPC_CLIENT_HTTP_ERROR;  
    faultString = server.GetError();  
    error = "Http request failed: " + faultString;  
    LLOG(error);  
    return ErrorValue(error);  
}  
XmlParser p(response);  
p.Preserve(true); //<-- new line  
try {
```

Subject: Re: Bug in xml parser?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 10 Jul 2010 10:37:02 GMT

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Well, the problem is somewhat fuzzy...

Quote:

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I have implemented very similar fix, only instead of using npreserve I have used another bool attribute.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Bug in xml parser?

Posted by [aftershock](#) on Sun, 11 Jul 2010 06:11:04 GMT

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What boolean attribute?

Subject: Re: Bug in xml parser?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 11 Jul 2010 08:01:22 GMT

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aftershock wrote on Sun, 11 July 2010 02:11What boolean attribute?

"attribute" is alternate name for "instance member variable"...

What about the proxy?

Mirek

Subject: Re: Bug in xml parser?
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 23 Jul 2010 08:46:33 GMT
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aftershock wrote on Sun, 18 July 2010 05:12luzr wrote on Sun, 18 July 2010 10:03aftershock wrote on Mon, 12 July 2010 12:27I think this is the fix
void XmlParser::Next()

```
{  
  nattr.Clear();  
  nattr1 = nattrval1 = Null;  
  if(empty_tag) {  
    empty_tag = false;  
    type = XML_END;  
    return;  
  }  
  text.Clear();  
  type = XML_EOF;  
  if (!(npreserve || preserveall)) //<-- this should be added  
    SkipWhites();  
}
```

The problem is the initial whitespace and EOL is thrown away which is not good.
Your other fix seems to be ok.

Have a good day!

Marton

Hi,

I had to revert this patch as it completely breaks any existing XML code.

I suggest you to send me some testcase demonstrating XML that needs XmlParser to be fixed, I will try to find some workaround.

Mirek

It was not my intention Really? How does it break them?

E.g

```
<value> myvalue</value>
```

This should return " myvalue" if it is read..

Marion

That is not a problem. The trouble is that when active, it will not skip any whitespaces in between tags, so:

```
<tag1>  
  <tag2>
```

cannot be parsed with

```
if(Tag("tag1") && Tag("tag2"))
```

as there is now Text element in between....

Sure, perhaps we might try to alter parser philosophy, but at this point I think that would be dangerous and we should try to find another solution first...

Mirek

(reposting back to forum to eventually gather more comments).

Subject: Re: Bug in xml parser?

Posted by [aftershock](#) on Sat, 11 Sep 2010 09:50:23 GMT

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Just one comment...

Parsing whitespace as text between tags is correct formally, right?

Subject: Re: Bug in xml parser?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 25 Sep 2010 13:25:14 GMT

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aftershock wrote on Sat, 11 September 2010 05:50 Just one comment...
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As I understand it, yes. But pain in the ass for any "normal" XML...
