
Subject: SSL server crash

Posted by [Zbych](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2011 14:33:20 GMT

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    errorcode = code;
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        err << "socket(" << (int)socket << ") / ";
    err << context << ": " << errdesc;
    errdesc = err; //<----- crash
    is_error = true;
    SetErrorText(err);
}
```

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1) [SockVect.cpp](#), downloaded 489 times

Subject: Re: SSL server crash

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2011 18:42:38 GMT

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Mirek

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Posted by [Zbych](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 07:11:56 GMT
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It seems that answer to my question is RTFM and use Array + mutex

Subject: Re: SSL server crash
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 08:00:59 GMT
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If it is protected by mutex, you can.

Of course, what you cannot is to take a reference (pointer) to element and then unlock the mutex and use this reference. But that is sort of same in single-threaded.

Using Mutex is no magic - each time you need to access a shared variable, you need to "lock" it, so that other thread does not change its content during operation...

Subject: Re: SSL server crash
Posted by [Zbych](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 09:36:09 GMT
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mirek wrote on Fri, 09 September 2011 10:00
Of course, what you cannot is to take a reference (pointer) to element and then unlock the mutex and use this reference.

But I can do this with Array, can't I?

Can you take a look at this version:

```
#include <Core/Core.h>
#include <Web/SSL/WebSSL.h>
```

```
using namespace Upp;
```

```
struct client_data: Moveable<client_data> {
    Socket sock;
    dword ip;
    int par1;
    int par2;
};
```

```
template <class T>
class MTArray: private Array<T>{
private:
    Mutex mtx;
public:
    T& Add(const T& x) {Mutex::Lock __(mtx); Array<T>::Add(x);}
    void Remove(int i, int count = 1) {Mutex::Lock __(mtx); Array<T>::Remove(i, count);}
    const T& operator[](int i) const {Mutex::Lock __(mtx); return Array<T>::Get(i); }
    T& operator[](int i) {Mutex::Lock __(mtx); return Array<T>::Get(i); }
```

```
int GetCount() {Mutex::Lock __(mtx); return Array<T>::GetCount(); }  
};
```

```
class TestServer{  
volatile Atomic stop;  
MArray<client_data> clients;  
  
int WaitForInput(int _timeout_ms);  
void Worker();  
public:  
typedef TestServer CLASSNAME;  
void Start();  
void Stop() {AtomicWrite(stop, true);}  
TestServer() {AtomicWrite(stop, false);}  
};
```

```
int TestServer::WaitForInput(int timeout_ms)  
{  
fd_set set;  
struct timeval tval;  
int max = 0;  
  
if (clients.GetCount() <= 0) return -1;  
  
tval.tv_sec = timeout_ms / 1000;  
tval.tv_usec = 1000 * (timeout_ms % 1000);  
  
FD_ZERO(&set);  
for (int i = 0; i < clients.GetCount(); i++){  
int tmp = clients[i].sock.GetSocket();  
if (tmp > max) max = tmp;  
FD_SET(tmp, &set);  
}  
  
if (select(max+1, &set, NULL, NULL, &tval) > 0){  
for (int i = 0; i < clients.GetCount(); i++){  
if (FD_ISSET(clients[i].sock.GetSocket(), &set)) return i;  
}  
}  
  
return -1;  
}
```

```
void TestServer::Worker()  
{
```

```

while(!Thread::IsShutdownThreads() && !AtomicRead(stop))
{
    int ci = WaitForInput(1000);
    if (ci >= 0){
        if (!clients[ci].sock.IsOpen() || clients[ci].sock.IsError() || clients[ci].sock.IsEof()){
            Cout() << "Client no " << ci << " (" << FormatIP(clients[ci].ip) << ") closed connection\n";
            clients[ci].sock.Close();
            clients.Remove(ci);
        }else{
            Cout() << "[" << FormatIP(clients[ci].ip) << "]" << clients[ci].sock.Read() << "\n" ;
        }
    }else{
        for (int i = 0; i < clients.GetCount(); i++){
            clients[i].sock.Write(Format("%` : message to client no %d", GetSysTime(), i));
        }
    }
}
}
}
}

```

```

void TestServer::Start()
{
    Socket server;
    #if 1
    SSLContext context;

    if (!context.Create(SSLv3_server_method())){
        Cout() << "Can not create context\n";
        return;
    }

    if (!context.UseCertificate(LoadFile(ConfigFile("servercert.pem")),
    LoadFile(ConfigFile("serverkey.pem"), false)){
        Cout() << "Certificate and key are different!\n";
        return;
    }

    if(!SSLServerSocket(server, context, 11111, true, 5, true)){
    #else
    if(!ServerSocket(server, 11111)){
    #endif
        Cout() << "Can not start server\n";
        return;
    }

    Thread().Run(THISBACK(Worker));

    Cout() << "Waiting for connections\n";
}

```

```

while(!Thread::IsShutdownThreads() && !AtomicRead(stop)){
  client_data new_client;
  if (server.Accept(new_client.sock, &new_client.ip)){
    Cout() << "Client no " << clients.GetCount() << " from " << FormatIP(new_client.ip) << "\n";
    clients.Add(new_client);
  }else{
    Cout() << "+\n";
  }
}
}
}

```

TestServer server;

```

void Stop(int sig)
{
  Cout() << "\nstopping, please wait...\n";
  server.Stop();
}

```

```

CONSOLE_APP_MAIN
{
  signal(SIGINT, Stop);
  server.Start();
}

```

Subject: Re: SSL server crash
 Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 10 Sep 2011 08:16:24 GMT
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This might work as long as you have single working thread. Otherwise

```
if (!clients[ci].sock.IsOpen() || clients[ci].sock.IsError() || clients[ci].sock.IsEof())
```

you can get "Remove" at '|'|.

It is not a very good code in any case.

Array does not change many things as compered to Vector.

The correct code would be something line:

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fd_set set;
struct timeval tval;
int max = 0;

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tval.tv_usec = 1000 * (timeout_ms % 1000);

    mtx.Enter();
FD_ZERO(&set);
for (int i = 0; i < clients.GetCount(); i++){
int tmp = clients[i].sock.GetSocket();
if (tmp > max) max = tmp;
FD_SET(tmp, &set);
}
    mtx.Leave();

if (select(max+1, &set, NULL, NULL, &tval) > 0){
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I do not quite like the structure, as we now leave WaitForInput with mutex locked, but I believe it is now correct.

Mirek

Subject: Re: SSL server crash
 Posted by [Zbych](#) on Thu, 20 Oct 2011 09:34:44 GMT
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Thank you Mirek for your review, but since I do not plan to remove clients from other threads I will stick with my version.

I also have a few suggestions regarding Web/SSL package, documentation:

1. WebSSL uses blocking IO while making a new connection, so if a server does not respond to a handshake, ssl client hangs.
2. SSL Server also uses blocking IO and waits for the handshake just after a new client has connected. That means that no new connection is accepted until handshake is done. One can easily make DOS attack on Web/SSL server using plain old telnet client.
I think that SSL handshake should be separated from connection acceptance.
3. SSL_shutdown sends close_notify to the other side, so when it returns 0 it should be called again.
4. When application sends close_notify and there is something wrong with the connection, it can receive SIGPIPE. Application should install SIGPIPE handler.

So far to workaround blocking IO, I uncommented timeout functions in socket.cpp and socket.h:

```
void          WriteTimeout(int msec);
void          ReadTimeout(int msec);

void Socket::Data::WriteTimeout(int msec)
{
    ASSERT(IsOpen());
    if(IsNull(msec)) msec = 0;
#ifdef PLATFORM_WIN32
    if(setsockopt(socket, SOL_SOCKET, SO_SNDTIMEO, (const char *)&msec, sizeof(msec)) {
        SetSockError("setsockopt(SO_SNDTIMEO)");
    }
#elif defined(PLATFORM_POSIX)
    struct timeval tv;
    tv.tv_sec = msec / 1000;
    tv.tv_usec = (msec % 1000) * 1000;
    if(setsockopt(socket, SOL_SOCKET, SO_SNDTIMEO, &tv, sizeof(tv)) < 0) {
        SetSockError("setsockopt(SO_SNDTIMEO)");
    }
#endif
}
```

```

void Socket::Data::ReadTimeout(int msec)
{
    ASSERT(IsOpen());
    if(IsNull(msecs)) msec = 0;
#ifdef PLATFORM_WIN32
    if(setsockopt(socket, SOL_SOCKET, SO_RCVTIMEO, (const char *)&msec, sizeof(msecs)) {
        SetSockError("setsockopt(SO_RCVTIMEO)");
    }
#elif defined(PLATFORM_POSIX)
    struct timeval tv;
    tv.tv_sec = msec / 1000;
    tv.tv_usec = (msec % 1000) * 1000;
    if(setsockopt(socket, SOL_SOCKET, SO_RCVTIMEO, &tv, sizeof(tv)) < 0) {
        SetSockError("setsockopt(SO_RCVTIMEO)");
    }
#endif
}

```

and I added them to SSLSocketData::OpenClient and between calling SSLServerSocket and SSLSocketData::Accept. I did not test timeouts on windows, but on linux they work fine.

```

bool SSLSocketData::OpenClient(const char *host, int port, bool nodelay, dword *my_addr, int
timeout, bool blocking)
{
    if(!Data::OpenClient(host, port, nodelay, my_addr, timeout, /*blocking*/true))
        return false;

    Data::ReadTimeout(timeout);
    Data::WriteTimeout(timeout);

    if(!(ssl = SSL_new(ssl_context)))
    {
        SetSSLError("OpenClient / SSL_new");
        return false;
    }
    [...]

    bool SSLSocketData::Close(int timeout_msec)
    {
        if(ssl){
            if(!SSL_shutdown(ssl)){
                Data::StopWrite();
                SSL_shutdown(ssl);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```
}  
  
bool res = Data::Close(timeout_msec);  
if(ssl) {  
    SSL_free(ssl);  
    ssl = NULL;  
}  
return res;  
}
```

Maybe there is better place to insert those timeouts (for example socket.cpp?). Any suggestions?
