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Subject: Stack tracing

Posted by [Zbych](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 12:49:00 GMT

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Hi,

Since assertion messages aren't very helpful in hunting for bugs, I decided to add some extra help to them (at least for gcc users). Modified Core/Utils.cpp/AssertFailed displays call stack similar to this one:

Stack trace:

```
Upp::AddStackTrace(char*, int)
Upp::AssertFailed(char const*, int, char const*)
Upp::AString<Upp::String0>::operator[](int) const
Upp::CCTalk::GetAsciiData(int, int, Upp::String&)
Upp::CCTalk::EquipmentID(int, Upp::String&)
Upp::CCTalk::FindDevs()
Upp::CCTalk::WorkingThread()
Upp::CallbackMethodAction<Upp::CCTalk, void (Upp::CCTalk::*)()>::Execute()
Upp::Callback::Execute() const
Upp::Callback::operator>() const
```

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All you need (beside modified version of Core/Utils.cpp) is '-rdynamic' added to linker options in your application.

Disadvantages? Bigger executable, much longer linking time and of course visible function names.

Debug symbols are not necessary, all function names are kept in .dynsym section.

Without -rdynamic, call stack looks like this one:

Stack trace:

```
() [0x82bf968]
() [0x82bfc18]
() [0x8053fbe]
() [0x8052948]
() [0x8053c51]
() [0x80522b0]
() [0x8053009]
() [0x8054d26]
() [0x825cb0a]
() [0x8050fd3]
() [0x8241889]
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```

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Edit:

New version of Util.cpp is uploaded.

### File Attachments

1) [Util.cpp](#), downloaded 355 times

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 18:32:09 GMT

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Nice. I will merge it into the trunk as option...

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [Zbych](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2013 18:52:36 GMT

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OK. I have just spotted that mingw doesn't support backtrace and all conditional blocks should be:

```
#if defined(PLATFORM_POSIX) && defined(COMPILER_GCC)
```

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [Zbych](#) on Fri, 03 May 2013 15:13:44 GMT

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Mirek,

When can you add this patch to the trunk?

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [Zbych](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2014 10:17:27 GMT

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mirek wrote on Thu, 24 January 2013 19:32Nice. I will merge it into the trunk as option...  
Mirek

I noticed that stack trace requires flagSTACKTRACE since revision 7000. Maybe you could also add new link option to the core package:

When GCC POSIX STACKTRACE: -rdynamic

It will add function names to a binary file when flag STACKTRACE is present.

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2014 10:33:36 GMT

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Now thinking about it, we could also activate with "SO"?

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [Zbych](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2014 10:19:26 GMT

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mirek wrote on Tue, 18 March 2014 11:33we could also activate with "SO"?

Some people say that instead of adding -rdynamic it is simpler to execute:

dlopen(NULL, RTLD\_NOW | RTLD\_GLOBAL);

to load main binary symbol table, but I never tried it.

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2014 18:31:52 GMT

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Does not seem to work..

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [Zbych](#) on Fri, 05 Dec 2014 11:43:44 GMT

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Hi Mirek,

Could you add link option "GCC POSIX STACKTRACE: -rdynamic" to the core package?

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Subject: Re: Stack tracing

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 05 Dec 2014 15:50:13 GMT

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