
Subject: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [crydev](#) on Fri, 13 May 2016 04:53:49 GMT
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Hello,

I just installed the nightly build 9818 and recompiled my application. Some changes have been made to the CoWork class and to the Atomic object. However, CoWork doesn't work properly anymore for me. I have a situation with CPU_Cores() worker threads, which increment an Atomic value and which are started by a CoWork object. This used to work great. However, the CoWork now seems to stop executing these workers even though 'todo' is greater than 0. Is there a bug?

Thanks a lot!

crydev

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 21 May 2016 17:43:45 GMT
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Sorry to hear that. It is absolutely possible that I have broke something there (although I have a couple of nightly tests running now on CoWork).

Would it be eventually possible to show me some simple testcase? What I am testing here works....

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [crydev](#) on Sat, 02 Jul 2016 15:49:05 GMT
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I have changed my synchronization method to something more safe, leaving the workers not doing any synchronization work at all. I changed it because I thought my synchronization was faulty. However, it does not appear to be faulty, because the bug remains, even in build 9994.

I start my workers like this, where this->mWorkerFileOrder is a Vector containing 8 structures that describe the work the worker should do.

```
// Launch the workers.
for (auto& work : this->mWorkerFileOrder)
{
    threadPool & THISBACK2(FirstScanWorker<T>, &work,
((T)(reinterpret_cast<ScanParameters<T>*>(GlobalScanParameter))->ScanValue));
}
```

The FirstScanWorker function looks like this; the function does not write to memory that does not belong to the worker it represents. Every worker has a thread-local variable called FinishedWork, which is set to true when the worker completes. Another program component peeks this variable for every worker, and finalizes when all workers are done.

```
// Represents the default template worker function for the set of workers including specialized
ones.
// This set of workers run the first scan sequence.
template <class T>
void MemoryScanner::FirstScanWorker(WorkerRegionParameterData* const regionData, const
T& value)
{
#ifdef _DEBUG
LARGE_INTEGER frequency;
LARGE_INTEGER t1;
LARGE_INTEGER t2;

// Get the amount of ticks per second.
QueryPerformanceFrequency(&frequency);

// Start the timer.
QueryPerformanceCounter(&t1);
#endif

// -----

FileOut addressesFile(AppendFileName(mMemoryScanner->GetTempFolderPath(),
Format("Addresses%i.temp", regionData->WorkerIdentifier)));
FileOut valFile(AppendFileName(mMemoryScanner->GetTempFolderPath(),
Format("Values%i.temp", regionData->WorkerIdentifier)));

int fastScanAlignSize = GlobalScanParameter->CurrentScanFastScan ? sizeof(T) : 1;
if (fastScanAlignSize == sizeof(__int64))
{
fastScanAlignSize = sizeof(int);
}

unsigned int fileIndex = 0;
const unsigned int forLoopLength = regionData->OriginalStartIndex + regionData->Length;

for (unsigned int i = regionData->OriginalStartIndex; i < forLoopLength; ++i)
{
unsigned int arrayIndex = 0;
unsigned int currentArrayLength = 256;

MemoryRegion& currentRegion = this->memRegions[i];
```

```

const SIZE_T regionSize = currentRegion.MemorySize;
currentRegion.FileDataIndexes.StartIndex = fileIndex;

SIZE_T* localAddresses = NULL;
T* localValues = NULL;

Byte* buffer = new Byte[currentRegion.MemorySize];
if (CrySearchRoutines.CryReadMemoryRoutine(this->mOpenedProcessHandle,
(void*)currentRegion.BaseAddress, buffer, currentRegion.MemorySize, NULL))
{
for (SIZE_T i = 0; i < regionSize; i += fastScanAlignSize)
{
const T* tempStore = (T*)&(buffer[i]);

if ((*reinterpret_cast<ValueComparator<T>*>(this->mCompareValues))(*tempStore, value))
{
if (!localAddresses || !localValues)
{
localAddresses = new SIZE_T[currentArrayLength];
localValues = new T[currentArrayLength];
}

if (arrayIndex >= currentArrayLength)
{
const unsigned int oldCurrentArrayLength = currentArrayLength;
this->ReallocateMemoryScannerBufferCounter(&currentArrayLength);

SIZE_T* newAddressesArray = new SIZE_T[currentArrayLength];
memcpy(newAddressesArray, localAddresses, oldCurrentArrayLength * sizeof(SIZE_T));
delete[] localAddresses;
localAddresses = newAddressesArray;

T* newValuesArray = new T[currentArrayLength];
memcpy(newValuesArray, localValues, oldCurrentArrayLength * sizeof(T));
delete[] localValues;
localValues = newValuesArray;
}

localAddresses[arrayIndex] = currentRegion.BaseAddress + i;
localValues[arrayIndex++] = *tempStore;

++fileIndex;
}
}
}

delete[] buffer;

```

```

if (arrayIndex > 0)
{
    this->mScanResultCount += arrayIndex;

    if (CachedAddresses.GetCount() < MEMORYSCANNER_CACHE_LIMIT)
    {
        AddResultsToCache(arrayIndex, localAddresses, NULL);
    }

    addressesFile.Put(localAddresses, arrayIndex * sizeof(SIZE_T));
    delete[] localAddresses;

    valFile.Put(localValues, arrayIndex * sizeof(T));
    delete[] localValues;
}
else
{
    if (localAddresses)
    {
        delete[] localAddresses;
        delete[] localValues;
    }
}

currentRegion.FileDataIndexes.ResultCount = arrayIndex;
this->UpdateScanningProgress(AtomicInc(RegionFinishCount));
}

addressesFile.Close();
valFile.Close();

// Indicate that this worker is done processing.
regionData->FinishedWork = true;

// -----

#ifdef _DEBUG
// Stop the timer.
QueryPerformanceCounter(&t2);
OutputDebugString(Format("Worker %i took %f ms\r\n", regionData->WorkerIdentifier,
(t2.QuadPart - t1.QuadPart) * 1000.0 / frequency.QuadPart));
#endif
}

```

The bug still remains; most of the time, not all workers finish, because CoWork thinks it doesn't have anything to do anymore. Sometimes it finishes, but rarely.

Thanks, and my apologies for the late response. I haven't had time.

crydev

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [crydev](#) on Mon, 11 Jul 2016 17:36:46 GMT
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        if(todo == 0)
            break;
        if(p.scheduled)
            Pool::DoJob();
        else {
            p.lock.Leave();
            LLOG("WaitForFinish (CoWork " << FormatIntHex(this) << ")");
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            p.lock.Enter();
        }
    }
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It is a very annoying bug.

Thanks,

crydev

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 30 Jul 2016 16:36:12 GMT
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Sorry I have missed this important reply... Anyway, 2 things:

1. I have recently refactored CoWork to use ConditionVariable instead of Semaphore. There is a tiny chance that this alone will fix the issue.... (if there was a bug in CoWork).
2. You might try some logging... E.g. activate LLOG in CoWork

Is not it possible that some of thread is frozen because of some deadlock?

Mirek

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [crydev](#) on Wed, 03 Aug 2016 17:45:14 GMT
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Thanks for your reply Mirek,

I can't spot anything that would deadlock in my code. I enabled LLOG (I guess) by uncommenting the define LLOG at the top of CoWork.cpp. Is that correct? At first, I got a compiler error, because the PushJob function is static. Line 150 in CoWork.cpp gives a compiler error:

```
LLOG("Adding job " << p.scheduled - 1 << "; todo: " << todo << " (CoWork " << FormatIntHex(this) << ")");
```

I went on commenting out this LLOG line and starting executing my code. The log I got was as following. I don't fully understand what the structuring of the log is, but it seems like it quits executing when #todo is still 2.

```
DoJobA 1, todo: 7 (CoWork 0105d194)
Finished, remaining todo 7
#4 Job finished
#4 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #4 finished
DoJobA 1, todo: 6 (CoWork 0105d194)
Finished, remaining todo 6
#1 Job finished
#1 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #1 finished
DoJobA 1, todo: 5 (CoWork 0105d194)
Finished, remaining todo 5
#2 Job finished
#2 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #2 finished
DoJobA 1, todo: 4 (CoWork 0105d194)
Finished, remaining todo 4
#5 Job finished
#5 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #5 finished
DoJobA 1, todo: 3 (CoWork 0105d194)
Finished, remaining todo 3
#6 Job finished
#6 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #6 finished
DoJobA 1, todo: 2 (CoWork 0105d194)
Finished, remaining todo 2
#0 Job finished
#0 Job acquired
```

Quit thread
CoWork thread #0 finished
Quit ended

Thanks,

crydev

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 04 Aug 2016 19:58:31 GMT
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Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [crydev](#) on Sun, 07 Aug 2016 09:50:16 GMT
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crydev

Well, I rethought the whole thing... I guess new iteration will work just fine again.

It is not 100% finished yet, maybe wait till tomorrow.

Mirek

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 08 Aug 2016 07:32:12 GMT
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Refactoring finished, please try now...

Mirek

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [crydev](#) on Mon, 08 Aug 2016 17:30:00 GMT
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mirek wrote on Mon, 08 August 2016 09:32Refactoring finished, please try now...

Mirek

Thanks Mirek,

I just tested with the new build (10148). The situation has improved; it does not make infinite waits anymore. However, it still does not entirely work. It just ends when there are still 'todo' in the CoWork. I went ahead and tried LLOG; I attached the log below. What could be wrong?

```
#9 Waiting ended
#9 Job acquired
Quit thread
#1 Waiting ended
CoWork thread #9 finished
#1 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #1 finished
#7 Waiting ended
#7 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #7 finished
DoJobA 1, todo: 7 (CoWork 0125a194)
Finished, remaining todo 7
#6 Job finished
#6 Job acquired
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CoWork thread #6 finished
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Finished, remaining todo 6
#2 Job finished
#2 Job acquired
Quit thread
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```

Finished, remaining todo 5
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#3 Job acquired
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Quit thread
CoWork thread #4 finished
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Finished, remaining todo 2
#8 Job finished
#8 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #8 finished
DoJobA 1, todo: 1 (CoWork 0125a194)
Finished, remaining todo 1
#0 Job finished
#0 Job acquired
Quit thread
CoWork thread #0 finished
Quit ended

Thanks!

crydev

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 09 Aug 2016 09:15:00 GMT
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Posted by [crydev](#) on Tue, 09 Aug 2016 09:36:03 GMT
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What can I do?

Thanks,

crydev

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 23 Aug 2016 06:34:45 GMT
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```

What can I do?

Thanks,

crydev

I believe you do not have latest trunk version, here is how Finish looks now:

```

void CoWork::Finish() {
  Pool& p = GetPool();
  p.lock.Enter();
  while(!jobs.IsEmpty(1)) {
    LLOG("Finish: todo: " << todo << " (CoWork " << FormatIntHex(this) << ")");
    p.DoJob(*jobs.GetNext(1));
  }
  while(todo) {
    LLOG("WaitForFinish (CoWork " << FormatIntHex(this) << ")");
    waitforfinish.Wait(p.lock);
  }
  p.lock.Leave();
  LLOG("CoWork " << FormatIntHex(this) << " finished");
}

```

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Thanks a bunch for you help.

crydev

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 24 Aug 2016 19:08:41 GMT
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I guess it is a little bit pointless... The whole purpose of CoWork is that scheduled work is done after Finish... CoWork instance is lightweight, nothing is saved by having it shared as global object.

However, as there might be cases where more direct access to worker threads is required, there are now static CoWork::TrySchedule and CoWork::Schedule methods. Maybe they could be better in your case?

Mirek

Subject: Re: bug in CoWork since C++11
Posted by [crydev](#) on Thu, 25 Aug 2016 17:09:00 GMT
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Hello Mirek,

I understand; I will keep the separate CoWork usage design then!

Thanks for your help.

crydev
