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Subject: Possibly memory leak SSGM

Posted by [Neijwiert](#) on Thu, 01 May 2014 17:47:52 GMT

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So I was going through some code and I found my way to the file gmlog.cpp

The logger keeps track of the current socket connections it has in a SimpleDynVecClass list. However this class does not use the delete operator on its contents when you call ::Delete.

So I found these 2 leaks:

- in void SSGMGameLog::Think()

where you gracefully close the sockets upon error or something else you call Connections.Delete(Connections[i]); this does not however delete the resources to Connections[i].

- in void SSGMGameLog::Shutdown()

you loop through all connections and close the sockets, however no memory is released through this process.

All objects inside this list are created with the new operator, however no subsequent delete operators are called.

I might be completely wrong at this, but anyway it's worth reporting I suppose...

EDIT:

Further explanation:

```
bool Delete(int index,bool allow_shrink = true)
{
    if (index < ActiveCount-1)
    {
        memmove(&(Vector[index]),&(Vector[index+1]),(ActiveCount - index - 1) * sizeof(T));
    }
    ActiveCount--;
    if (allow_shrink)
    {
        Shrink();
    }
    return true;
}
bool Delete(T const & object,bool allow_shrink = true)
{
    int id = Find_Index(object);
    if (id != -1)
```

```
{
  return Delete(id,allow_shrink);
}
return false;
}
```

these are the 2 overloaded functions inside SimpleDynVecClass. As you can see it only uses memmove which doesn't guarantee that the resources are overwritten. The code in gmlog.cpp calls the bottom Delete first, which then calls the top one if there's an index found.

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**Subject: Re: Possibly memory leak SSGM**

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Fri, 02 May 2014 09:20:00 GMT

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You are however correct that the new'd instance of the Connection struct appears to be leaked on line 78 ( Connections.Delete(Connections[i]); ). Technically it is also leaked in Shutdown() but that is only called when the FDS is shutting down so it's not a massive problem although should be fixed for consistency.

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Ok was just making sure. Atleast I learn something from it

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To add to what was already said:

The main difference between (Dynamic)VectorClass and Simple(Dyn)VecClass is that the latter variant assumes that the type can be constructed, destructed, and copied like plain memory. No (copy/move) constructors and destructors are called. Therefore the Simple\* version should only be used with simple types (e.g. primitives, pointers, but not usually classes).

But yeah, they are real leaks, and they should ideally be fixed. There are many more small leaks like these though, I'm sure. It's not that harmful.

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