
Subject: Re: Pointers problem - Unable to dereference NULL pointer
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 14:17:41 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

- > Well, then my next thought would be "That's not the pointer
- > your program is complaining about." My main point is that
- > when you are building run-time applications, you have to
- > have enough error handling built in to locate errors when
- > they occur. You seem to be hoping this is an IDL error.
- > I'd be willing to bet the balance of the tuition fund
- > (admittedly not so much now) that it is a programmer error. :-)

You know, it just occurs to me that this is *exactly* the kind of error you are likely to get when you call a routine that is suppose to block at the command line. For example, a pop-up dialog of some kind. Since there *is* no command line in a run-time environment, if these kinds of routines are not written as "modal" widgets (as opposed to "blocking" widgets), then a null pointer reference is entirely likely, since they will run through their block.

Here is a reference to an article you might find illuminating:

http://www.dfanning.com/widget_tips/modal_blocking.html

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
