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