

Path-Sensitive Bug Reports

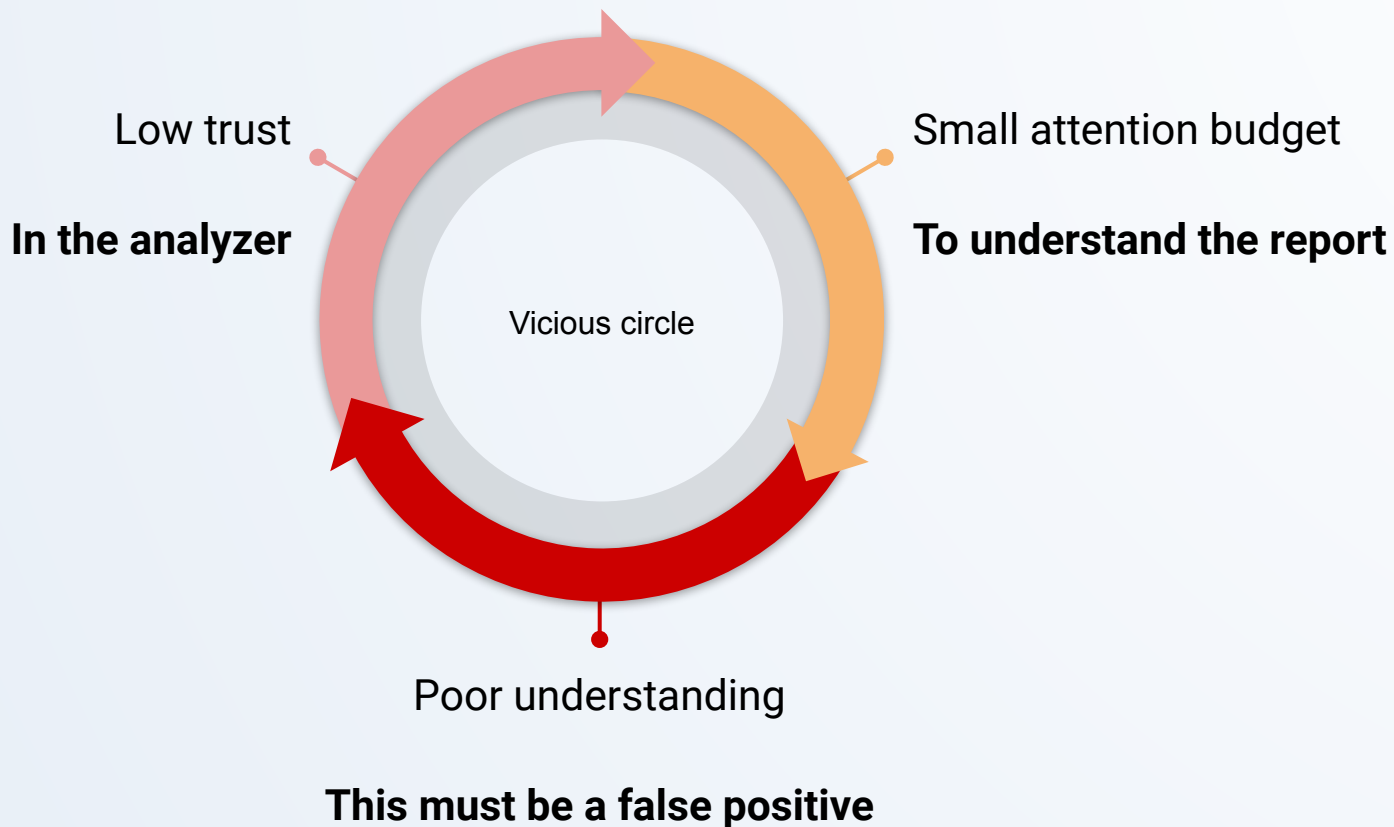
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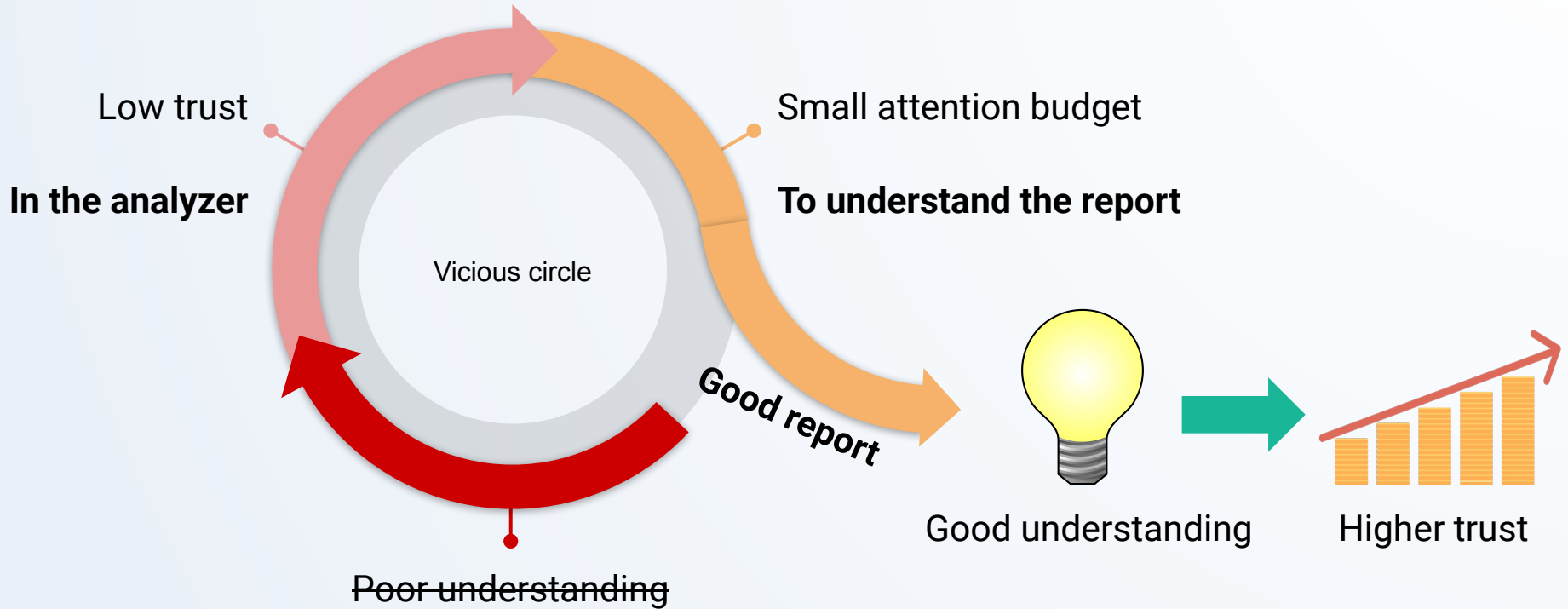
Many FPs decrease
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Vicious Circle



Break the Vicious Circle via Better Reporting



~~This must be a false positive~~

Interactive Reports: Understandable & Complete

Issues by Complexity



Simple Issues: Single Source Location



```
int fixme(bool flag) {  
    int arr[2] = {[0] = 3, [1] = 2};  
    int x = 14e300;  
    x = (x == arr[0]);  
    if (flag)  
        return [=] {  
            if (flag)  
                return (int *)x - (int *)arr;  
        }();  
}
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Do not read

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/home/arseny/proj/euro1vm-talk/printloc-only.cpp:2:17: warning: array designators are a C99 extension [clang-diagnostic-c99-designator]  
int arr[2] = {[0] = 3, [1] = 2};  
/home/arseny/proj/euro1vm-talk/printloc-only.cpp:3:11: warning: implicit conversion of out of range value from 'double' to 'int' is undefined [clang-diagnostic-literal-conversion]  
int x = 14e300;  
/home/arseny/proj/euro1vm-talk/printloc-only.cpp:4:8: warning: Although the value stored to 'x' is used in the enclosing expression, the value is never actually read from 'x' [clang-analyzer-deadcode.DeadStores]  
x = (x == arr[0]);  
/home/arseny/proj/euro1vm-talk/printloc-only.cpp:8:16: warning: cast to 'int **' from smaller integer type 'int' [clang-diagnostic-int-to-pointer-cast]  
return (int *)x - (int *)arr;  
/home/arseny/proj/euro1vm-talk/printloc-only.cpp:9:5: warning: non-void lambda does not return a value in all control paths [clang-diagnostic-return-type]  
    }();  
/home/arseny/proj/euro1vm-talk/printloc-only.cpp:10:1: warning: non-void function does not return a value in all control paths [clang-diagnostic-return-type]  
}
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Filter (e.g. text, **/*.ts, !**/node_modules/**)

- dfg-intro.cpp 1
- primloc-only.cpp 10
 - Use "std::array" or "std::vector" instead of a C-style array. sonarlint(cpp:S5945) [Ln 2, Col 3]
 - array designators are a C99 extension sonarlint(cpp:S6172) [Ln 2, Col 17]
 - implicit conversion of out of range value from 'double' to 'int' is undefined sonarlint(cpp:S5276)
 - Although the value stored to 'x' is used in the enclosing expression, the value is never actually read from 'x' sonarlint(cpp:S5276) [Ln 6, Col 12]
 - implicit conversion loses integer precision: 'long' to 'int' sonarlint(cpp:S5276) [Ln 6, Col 12]
 - cast to 'int **' from smaller integer type 'int' sonarlint(cpp:S860) [Ln 8, Col 16]
 - C-style cast removing const qualification from the type of a pointer may lead to an undefined behavior sonarlint(cpp:S5945) [Ln 8, Col 34]
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 - non-void lambda does not return a value in all control paths sonarlint(cpp:S935) [Ln 9, Col 5]
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Simple Issues: Plain-Text

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x = (x += arr[0]);
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}
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Simple Issues: GUI

primloc-only.cpp

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5     if (flag)
6         return [=] {
7             if (flag)
8                 return (int *)x - (int *)arr;
9             }();
10 }
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```

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PROBLEMS

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primloc-only.cpp

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single-flow-legible.cpp

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Involved Issues: Multiple Locations

```
#include <vector>
#include <string>

void myvec() {
    std::vector<std::string> vs{1, 2};
}
```

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many-secondaries-irrelevant.cpp:5:28: error: no matching constructor for initialization of
'std::vector<std::string>' (aka 'vector<basic_string<char>')
std::vector<std::string> vs{1, 2};
                        ^
/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:510:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: no known conversion from 'int' to 'const allocator_type' (aka 'const
std::allocator<std::basic_string<char>>') for 2nd argument
vector(size_type __n, const allocator_type& __a = allocator_type())
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/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:522:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: no known conversion from 'int' to 'const value_type'
(aka 'const std::basic_string<char>') for 2nd argument
vector(size_type __n, const value_type& __value,
      ^
/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:575:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: no known conversion from 'int' to 'const vector<basic_string<char>
vector(const value_type& __x, const allocator_type& __a)
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/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:607:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: no known conversion from 'int' to 'vector<basic_string<char>>' for 1st argument
vector(vector&& __rv, const allocator_type& __a)
      ^
/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:625:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: no known conversion from 'int' to 'initializer_list<value_type>' (aka
'initializer_list<std::basic_string<char>>') for 1st argument
vector(initializer_list<value_type> __l,
      ^
/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:653:2: note:
candidate template ignored: substitution failure [with _InputIterator = int]: no type named 'iterator_category' in
'std::iterator_traits<int>'
vector[_InputIterator __first, _InputIterator __last,
      ^
/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:497:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: requires single argument '__a', but 2 arguments were provided
vector(const allocator_type& __a) _GLIBCXX_NOEXCEPT
      ^
/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:553:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: requires single argument '__x', but 2 arguments were provided
vector(const vector& __x)
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/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:572:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: requires 1 argument, but 2 were provided
vector(vector&&) noexcept = default;
      ^
```

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/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/11/../../../../include/c++/11/bits/stl_vector.h:585:7: note:
candidate constructor not viable: requires 3 arguments, but 2 were provided
vector(vector&& __rv, const allocator_type& __a, const true_type) noexcept
      ^
```

```
vector() = default;
^
1 error generated.
```



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Multiple Locations: GUI

"InheritableAttr", and remove the ones you manually duplicated.

Code Smell +3

Add a using-declaration to this derived class to inherit the constructors of "StmtIteratorImpl", and remove the ones you manually duplicated.

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clang/include/clang/AST/StmtIterator.h

Add a using-declaration to this derived class to inherit the constructors of "StmtIteratorImpl", and remove the ones you manually duplicated.

Code Smell +7

- 1 The derived class
- 2 Removable constructor
- 3 Matching constructor in base class
- 4 Removable constructor
- 5 Matching constructor in base class
- 6 Removable constructor
- 7 Matching constructor in base class

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Clang clang/include/clang/AST/StmtIterator.h See all issues in this file
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128 struct StmtIterator : public StmtIteratorImpl<StmtIterator, Stmt*> {
    Add a using-declaration to this derived class to inherit the constructors of "StmtIteratorImpl", and remove the ones you manually duplicated.
129     explicit StmtIterator() = default;
130     StmtIterator(Stmt** S) : StmtIteratorImpl<StmtIterator, Stmt*>(S) {}
131     StmtIterator(Decl** dgi, Decl** dge)
132         : StmtIteratorImpl<StmtIterator, Stmt*>(dgi, dge) {}
133     StmtIterator(const VariableArrayType *t)
134         : StmtIteratorImpl<StmtIterator, Stmt*>(t) {}
135 private:
136     StmtIterator(const StmtIteratorBase &RHS)
137     : StmtIteratorImpl<StmtIterator, Stmt *>(RHS) {}
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Path-Sensitive Issues: Flow

```
int getInt();
int *getPtr();

void fixme() {
    int x = getInt();
    int y = getInt();
    1 int.*p = getPtr();
    3 if ( 2 x < y) {
        5 if ( 4 p)
            x = 8;
        7 if ( 6 x == 3) {
            y = 8 *p;
        }
    }
}
```

⬇ ⬆ Dereference of null pointer (loaded from variable 'p')

⬇ Flow 1

- 1: 'p' initialized here [7, 2]
- 2: Assuming 'x' is < 'y' [8, 6]
- 3: Taking true branch [8, 2]
- 4: Assuming 'p' is null [9, 8]
- 5: Taking false branch [9, 4]
- 6: Assuming 'x' is equal to 3 [11, 8]
- 7: Taking true branch [11, 4]
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▼ Flow 1

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- 4: Assuming 'p' is null
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- 6: Assuming 'x' is equal to 3
- 7: Taking true branch
- 8: Dereference of null pointer (loaded from variable 'p')

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4 void fixme() {
5   int x = getInt();
6   int y = getInt();
7   int *p = getPtr();
```

1 'p' initialized here →

```
8   if (x < y) {
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2 ← Assuming 'x' is < 'y' →

3 ← Taking true branch →

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9     if (p)
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4 ← Assuming 'p' is null →

5 ← Taking false branch →

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10    x = 8;
11    if (x == 3) {
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6 ← Assuming 'x' is equal to 3 →

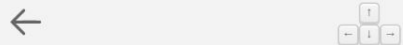
7 ← Taking true branch →

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12    y = *p;
```

8 ← Dereference of null pointer (loaded from variable 'p')

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13  }
14  }
15 }
```





Null pointer passed as read buffer "ntdev.Buffer" in call to "wcsncasecmp"

Get permalink

Parameter values should be appropriate [cpp:S3807](#)

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Bug Critical Open Not assigned 5min effort 0 comments

symbolic-execution

Full execution flow

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1 Null pointer passed as read buffer "ntdev.Buffer" in call to "wcsncasecmp"

2 Assuming the condition is false

3 Taking false branch

4 'trailing' is null

5 Taking false branch

6 Assuming 'trailing' is null

7 Taking true branch

8 Assuming 'ntdev.Length' is > 'tgtdev.Length'

9 Taking true branch

10 Assuming the condition is true

11 Returning from 'RtlEqualUnicodePathPrefix'

12 Returning without writing to 'path->Buffer'

13 '?' condition is false

14 Assuming 'prefix->Length' is >= 'path->Length'

Where is the issue?

Why is this an issue?

msys2-runtime winsup/utills/cygpah.cc

See all issues in this file

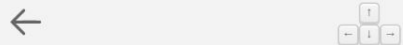
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262         ans.MaximumLength - ans.Length);
263         ans.Buffer[ans.MaximumLength - 1] = '\0';
264         got_one = true;
265         /* Special case for local disks: It's most feasible if the
266            DOS device name reflects the DOS drive, so we check for this
267            explicitly and only return prematurely if so. */
268         if ( 2 ntdev.Length < wcslen (HARDDISK_PREFIX)
269             || 1 wcsncasecmp (ntdev.Buffer, HARDDISK_PREFIX, 8) != 0
270             || (odl->ObjectName.Length == 2 * sizeof (WCHAR)
271                 && odl->ObjectName.Buffer[1] == L':'))
272         {
273             if (trailing)
274             {
275                 /* If there's a trailing path, it's a perfectly valid
276                    DOS pathname without the ||.| prefix. Unless it's
277                    longer than MAX_PATH - 1 in which case it needs
278                    the ||?| prefix. */

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msys2-runtime winsup/cygwin/local_includes/ntdll.h

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- 9 Taking true branch
- 10 Assuming the condition is true
- 11 Returning from 'RtlEqualUnicodePathPrefix'
- 12 Returning without writing to 'path->Buffer'
- 13 '?' condition is false
- 14 Assuming 'prefix->Length' is >='path->Length'

Where is the issue? Why is this an issue?

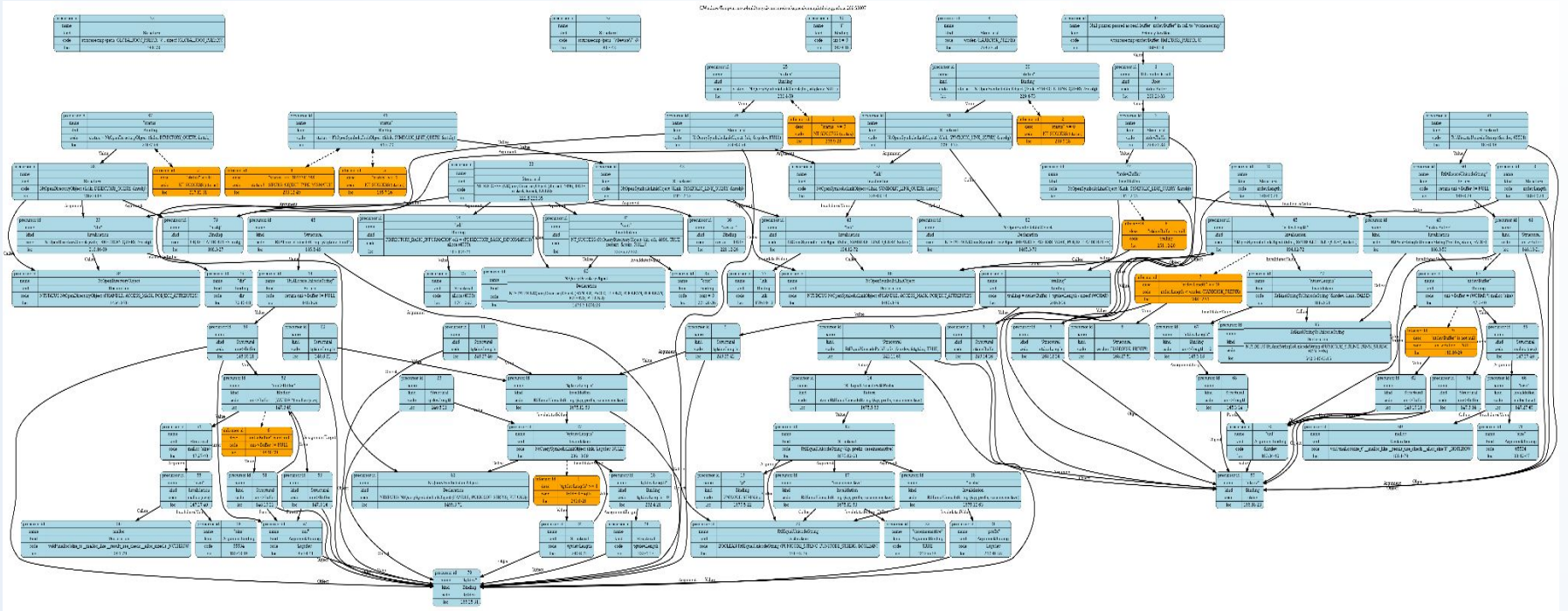
msys2-runtime winsup/utils/cygpch.cc See all issues in this file

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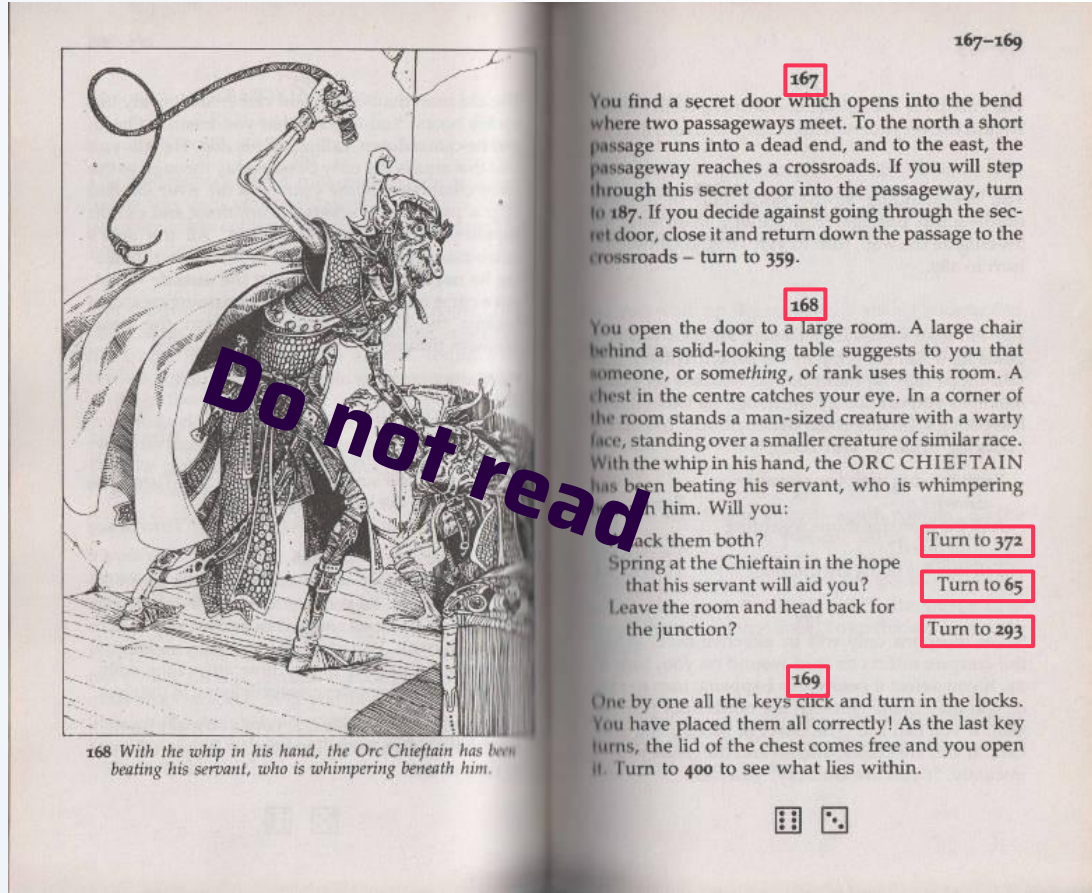
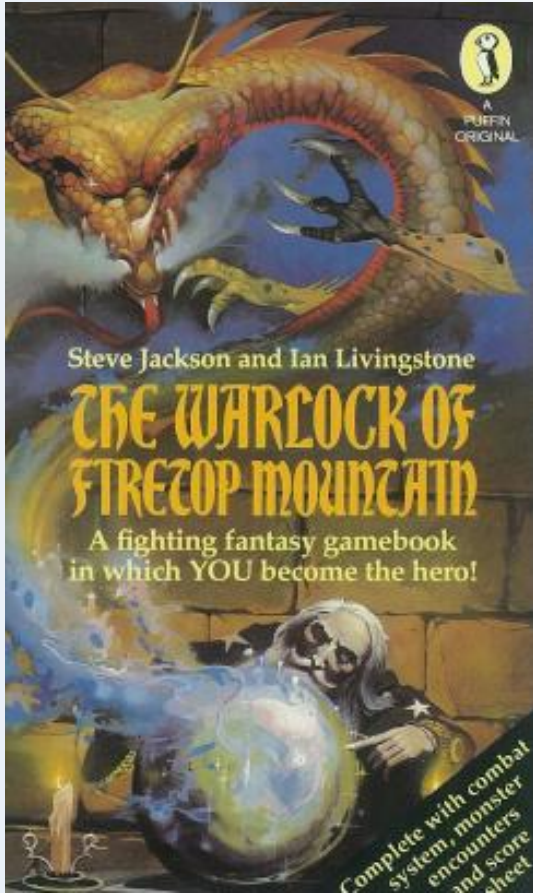
243     {
244         /* If the comparison succeeds, the name of the directory entry is
245          * a valid DOS device name, if prepended with "\\.". Return that
246          * valid DOS path. */
247         wchar_t *trailing = NULL;
248         if ( ntdev.Length > tgtdev.Length)
249             trailing = ntdev.Buffer + tgtdev.Length / sizeof (WCHAR);
250         ULONG len = RtlUnicodeStringToAnsiSize (&odi->ObjectName);
251         if ( trailing)
252             len += my_wcstombs (NULL, trailing, 0);
253         free (ret);
254         ret = (char *) malloc (len + 4);
255         strcpy (ret, "\\\\.\\");
256         ans.Length = 0;
257         ans.MaximumLength = len;
258         ans.Buffer = ret + 4;
259         RtlUnicodeStringToAnsiString (&ans, &odi->ObjectName, FALSE);
260         if ( trailing)
261             my_wcstombs (ans.Buffer + ans.Length, trailing,

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239 continue;
240 if (tgtdev.Length /* There's actually a symlink pointing to an
241 empty string: \??\GLOBALROOT -> "" */
242 && RtlEqualUnicodePathPrefix (&ntdev, &tgtdev, TRUE))
243 {
244     /* If the comparison succeeds, the name of the directory entry is
245 a valid DOS device name, if prepended with "\\.\". Return that
246 valid DOS path. */
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250 ULONG len = RtlUnicodeStringToAnsiSize (&odi->ObjectName);
251 if (trailing)
252     len += my_wcstombs (NULL, trailing, 0);
253 free (ret);
254 ret = (char *) malloc (len + 4);
255 strcpy (ret, "\\.\.\\");
256 ans.Length = 0;
257 ans.MaximumLength = len;
258 ans.Buffer = ret + 4;
259 RtlUnicodeStringToAnsiString (&ans, &odi->ObjectName, FALSE);
260 if (trailing)
261     my_wcstombs (ans.Buffer + ans.Length, trailing,
262 ans.MaximumLength - ans.Length);
263 ans.Buffer[ans.MaximumLength - 1] = '\\0';
264 got_one = true;
265 /* Special case for local disks: It's most feasible if the
266 DOS device name reflects the DOS drive, so we check for this
267 explicitly and only return prematurely if so. */
268 if (ntdev.Length < wcslen (HARDDISK_PREFIX)
269 || wcsncasecmp (ntdev.Buffer, HARDDISK_PREFIX, 8) != 0
270 || (odi->ObjectName.Length == 2 * sizeof (WCHAR)
271 && odi->ObjectName.Buffer[1] == L':'))
272 {
273     if (trailing)
274     {
275         /* If there's a trailing path, it's a perfectly valid
276 DOS pathname without the \\.\ prefix. Unless it's
277 longer than MAX_PATH - 1 in which case it needs
278 the \\?\ prefix. */
279         if ((len = strlen (ret + 4)) >= MAX_PATH)
280             ret[2] = '?';
281         else
282             memmove (ret, ret + 4, strlen (ret + 4) + 1);
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Def: ntdev

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251     if (trailing)
252         len += my_wcstombs (NULL, trailing, 0);
253     free (ret);
254     ret = (char *) malloc (len + 4);
255     strcpy (ret, "\\.\.\");
256     ans.Length = 0;
257     ans.MaximumLength = len;
258     ans.Buffer = ret + 4;
259     RtlUnicodeStringToAnsiString (&ans, &odi->ObjectName, FALSE);
260     if (trailing)
261         my_wcstombs (ans.Buffer + ans.Length, trailing,
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263     ans.Buffer[ans.MaximumLength - 1] = '\\0';
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280                 ret[2] = '?';
281             else
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Null pointer passed as read buffer "ntdev.Buffer" in call to "wcsnccmp".

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ntdev.Buffer

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[Invalidation] Def: NtOpenSymbolicLinkObject (&lnk, SYMBOLIC_LINK_QUERY, &ntobj)

Relevant values:

"ntdev.Buffer":

Use: NtOpenSymbolicLinkObject (&lnk, SYMBOLIC_LINK_QUERY, &ntobj)

[Invalidation] Def: RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString (&ntdev, &ans, FALSE)

NtOpenSymbolicLinkObject:

Use: NtOpenSymbolicLinkObject

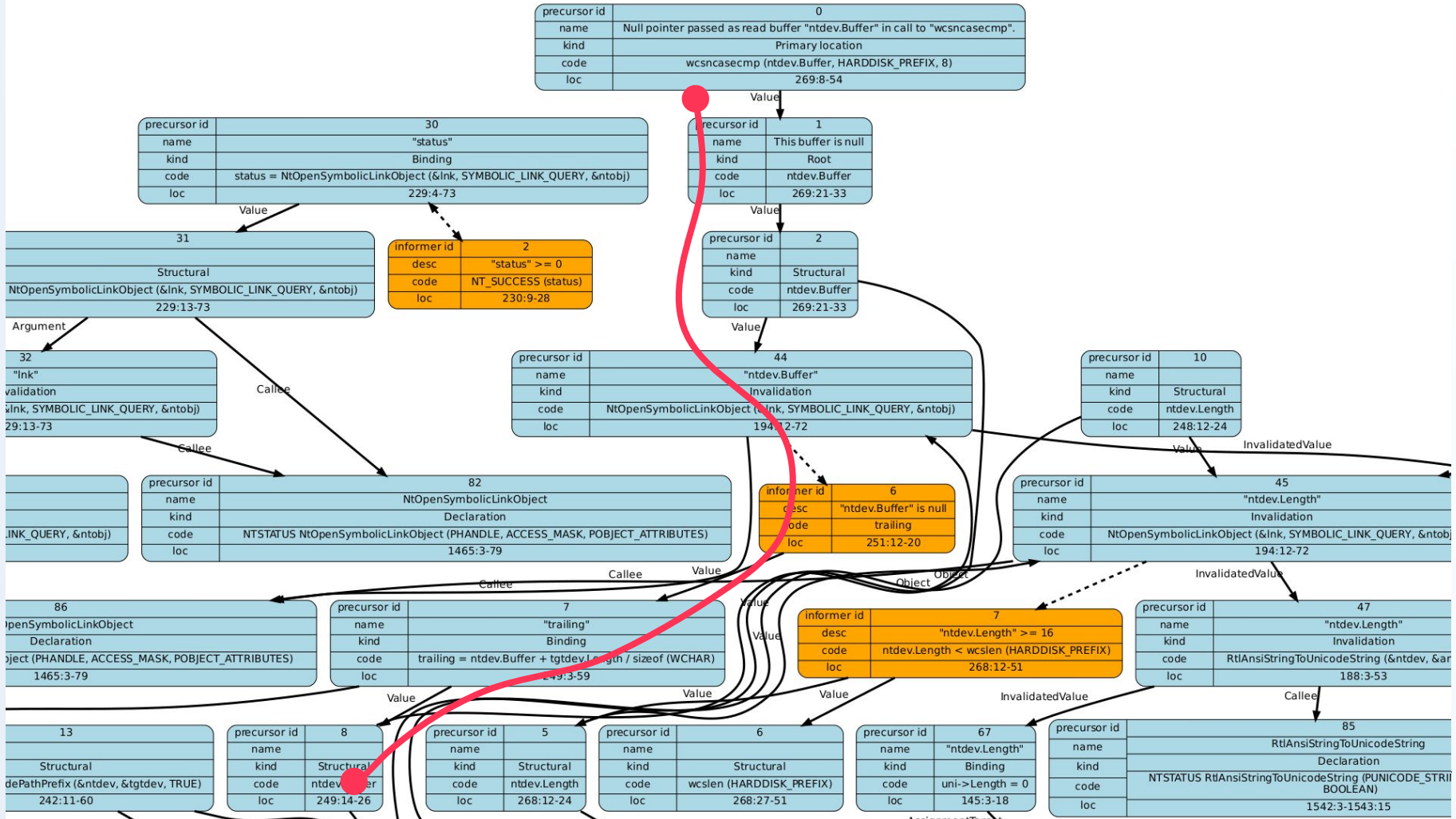
Def: NTSTATUS NtOpenSymbolicLinkObject (PHANDLE, ACCESS_MASK, POBJECT_ATTRIBUTES)

Assumptions about "ntdev.Buffer":

trailing

"ntdev.Buffer" is null

```
164 get_device_name (char *path)
165 {
166     UNICODE_STRING ntdev, tgtdev, ntdevdir;
167     ANSI_STRING ans;
168     OBJECT_ATTRIBUTES ntobj;
169     NTSTATUS status;
170     HANDLE lnk, dir;
171     bool got_one = false;
172     char *ret = strdup (path);
173     PDIRECTORY_BASIC_INFORMATION odi = (PDIRECTORY_BASIC_INFORMATION)
174         alloca (4096);
175
176     BOOLEAN restart;
177     ULONG cont;
178
179     if (!strncasecmp (path, GLOBALROOT_PREFIX "\\", sizeof (GLOBALROOT_PREFIX)))
180         path += sizeof (GLOBALROOT_PREFIX) - 1;
181     if (strncasecmp (path, "\\Device\\", 8))
182         return ret;
183
184     if (!RtlAllocateUnicodeString (&ntdev, 65534))
185         return ret;
186     if (!RtlAllocateUnicodeString (&tgtdev, 65534))
187         return ret;
188     RtlInitAnsiString (&ans, path);
189     RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString (&ntdev, &ans, FALSE);
190
191     /* First check if the given device name is a symbolic link itself. If so,
192        query it and use the new name as actual device name to search for in the
193        DOS device name directory. If not, just use the incoming device name. */
194     InitializeObjectAttributes (&ntobj, &ntdev, OBJ_CASE_INSENSITIVE, NULL, NULL);
195     status = NtOpenSymbolicLinkObject (&lnk, SYMBOLIC_LINK_QUERY, &ntobj);
196     if (NT_SUCCESS (status))
197     {
198         status = NtQuerySymbolicLinkObject (lnk, &tgtdev, NULL);
199         NtClose (lnk);
200         if (!NT_SUCCESS (status))
201             goto out;
202         RtlCopyUnicodeString (&ntdev, &tgtdev);
203     }
204     else if (status != STATUS_OBJECT_TYPE_MISMATCH
205             && status != STATUS_OBJECT_PATH_SYNTAX_BAD)
206         goto out;
207     for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++)
```

Conclusion

- Clarity is as important as precision
- GUI overcomes limitations of plain-text
- GUI capabilities are underutilized
- The *completeness* vs *brevity* tradeoff is rudimentary