

## Re: What causes "Too many posts were made to a semaphore"?

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Peter Steele wrote:

- > *Error no. 298, Too many posts were made to a semaphore.*
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- > *on a call to WaitForSingleObject(). This is happening on a Windows 2000*
- > *system. What might be causing this failure?*

The following code will produce this error:

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HANDLE hSem = CreateSemaphore(NULL, 0, 10, NULL);
BOOL bRet = ReleaseSemaphore(hSem, 11, NULL);
DWORD gle = GetLastError(); // => 298
```

As you can see the max value in the "Create" was 10,  
Now we released with 11; which is greater than 10...

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Greetings  
Jochen

Do you need a memory-leak finder ?  
<http://www.codeproject.com/tools/leakfinder.asp>