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That sounds like one of those "this will never happen, but lets put in a message anyway" sorts of things. I got that error "An unknown error has occurred... contact Microsoft" the other day. Not sure what to put on that bug report.

Tom

"Joseph M. Newcomer" <newcomer@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:ofuet39cduvojm77n49nifarpn6rpi4tgq@xxxxxxxxxxxx

A fascinating new bug in VS2003. Anyone seen this little gem?

I just converted a project from VS6 to VS.NET 2003. Added a bunch of new features. Built it. New feature didn't work. Wanted to set a breakpoint. Breakpoint did not occur. Weird.

OK, finally add ASSERT(FALSE) to get into the debugger, can single-step. Found problem (silly typo).

Add another new feature. Make similar silly error. This one puts it into an infinite loop. I see the problem instantly. Do Debug>Break All to enter debugger, get strange message:

"Unable to break execution. The process does not contain any programs"

Duh? What is that thing that is running? Of course, messages like this don't actually have any representation in the documentation (Note to Microsoft: EVERY, repeat EVERY messagebox that can pop up shall have a code, e.g., "VS7132: Unable ...programs". Every such message shall be indexed in the documentation, with an explanation about what causes it and what the likely fix is...I get really tired of slovenly messagebox calls that convey no information and have no documentation. It should be part of the Quality Assurance and/or Usability Criteria that EVERY messagebox call be inspected, assigned a numeric code, and fixed to report all appropriate variables instead of just using a single literal string).

The only google searches reveal that others have had this problem, but there were no answers.

Note that F10-single-step into the program works fine; if I ASSERT(FALSE) I can single step. But breakpoints are not taken, Break All will not work. Unlike some of the reports

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posted, I *can* kill it with task manager.

I'm not moving this to VS2005 until I'm convinced that there is a sufficient body of users out there who have moved to it. Certainly none of my clients have (some are still using VS6)

It is consistent and reproducible. Platform is XP Pro SP2.

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