

## Robotics Service Bus - Bug #2386

### C++ spread plugin crashes when using multiple threads + informers on Windows

09/10/2015 05:14 PM - M. Goerlich

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	09/10/2015
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	J. Moringen	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Category:</b>	Spread Connector	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	rsb-0.17		

#### Description

The spread library does not seem to be thread safe under windows (though stated within the documentation).

This touches RSB since it also causes crashes when one creates two rsb informers and sends data through two different threads. These informers share the same spread connection.

See attached code, funny windows dump thingy and funky stacktrace-screenshot for more info.

It looks like a possible fix might be to protect the send and receive calls with a mutex-lock.

#### Associated revisions

##### Revision fb774a0e - 05/19/2017 01:25 PM - J. Moringen

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fixes #2386

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- (`SpreadConnection::mutex`): new member; for critical section in send on win32
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##### Revision e933fbb5 - 05/19/2017 01:26 PM - J. Moringen

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(cherry picked from commit fb774a0e93a4f9947285f320f294b7e92600652b)

## History

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### #1 - 09/14/2015 11:07 AM - J. Wienke

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to J. Wienke
- Target version set to rsb-0.13

This exception is raised by our code as a result of a failure return code from the spread library. Unfortunately, in your screenshot I cannot see the string contained in the exception. Is there any way for you to reproduce this and to print out the what() of the thrown exception?

### #2 - 09/14/2015 12:12 PM - M. Goerlich

Hey Johannes,

probably it would be best if I showed you the bug on the windows machine in the CSRA environment. I will be there tomorrow starting from at the latest 10 o'clock, open end. The same goes for Wednesday and Thursday.

### #3 - 09/24/2015 03:17 AM - J. Moringen

- Subject changed from *c++ spread plugin crashes when using multiple threads + informers* to *C++ spread plugin crashes when using multiple threads + informers on Windows*

### #4 - 03/03/2016 12:11 PM - J. Moringen

- Target version changed from *rsb-0.13* to *rsb-0.14*

### #5 - 06/08/2016 09:01 PM - J. Moringen

- Target version changed from *rsb-0.14* to *rsb-0.15*

### #6 - 11/07/2016 10:32 AM - J. Moringen

- Target version changed from *rsb-0.15* to *rsb-0.16*

### #7 - 04/10/2017 08:59 PM - J. Moringen

- Target version changed from *rsb-0.16* to *rsb-0.17*

### #8 - 05/19/2017 01:16 PM - J. Moringen

- Assignee changed from *J. Wienke* to *J. Moringen*

### #9 - 05/19/2017 01:30 PM - J. Moringen

- Status changed from *In Progress* to *Resolved*
- % Done changed from *0* to *100*

Applied in changeset commit:rsb-spread-cpp|fb774a0e93a4f9947285f320f294b7e92600652b.

## Files

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thread-test.cpp	3.86 KB	09/10/2015	M. Goerlich
stacktrace.png	154 KB	09/10/2015	M. Goerlich
thread-test.dmp.tar.gz	20.5 MB	09/10/2015	M. Goerlich