

Homework

Task 1. memoryleak app (preparation)

Were you missing **memoryleak**? So, here is the setup again:

- clone **git clone https://github.com/sebastienros/memoryleak.git** (great testing app by Sébastien Ros)
- run it (in `.\src\MemoryLeak\MemoryLeak`):

```
dotnet run -c Release
```

- **https://localhost:5001/** should present a nice introspective graph about memory usage etc.
- let's make a simple load test against **bistring** endpoint using **https://github.com/aliostad/SuperBenchmark** command-line tool (just [download single EXE file from the repository](https://github.com/aliostad/SuperBenchmark)). Run the following command to confirm it is working correctly:

```
.\sb.exe -y 100 -n 10000000 -c 64 -u http://localhost:5000/api/bigstring
```

As you see we use **http** endpoint to avoid unnecessary https handshake overhead.

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- Let's observe... **sb.exe** under Performance Monitor, because it is .NET Framework app. Use whatever counters you want to use from **.NET CLR Memory** group, but make sure you add also **# of Pinned Objects**. What is behavior of this counter?
- let's investigate **what's pinned** by using PerfView *.NET* option only (make sure *GC Collect Only* is NOT selected!) for around 10 seconds. In the resulting session observe *Events* table and look for **PinObjectAtGCTime**. Are there any from **sb**? What are the **Typenames** of pinned objects? Look at the *Pinning At GC Time Stacks* view from *Advanced Group* as a nice summary of this data. Look at *Pinned Obj* column in *GC Stats* report.
- as PerfView documentation is saying: *"if you turn on the '**clrPrivate**' provider with stacks (**clrPrivate:@StacksEnabled=true**), it will give additional information on the **exact stack where the pinning took place** for each such pinned object"*. So, let's type **clrPrivate:@StacksEnabled=true** in *Additional Providers* textbox in *Collect* dialog and re-run the session! A new *Pinning Stacks* view in *Advanced Group* should be visible now!
- additionally, if we enable **.NET Alloc** in *Collect* dialog (the one that inject CLR profiler library), we will be able to see **stacks where the pinned object was allocated** included in the *Pinning At GC Time Stacks* view. Just remember that **.NET Alloc** is very expensive and **requires the session to be started BEFORE observed application start**.

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- now let's observe .NET 5 application - **memoryleak** with the help of CLI Diagnostic Tools. First, observe it under **dotnet-counters** to confirm, there is unfortunately no counter about pinning...
- then, record session with the help of **dotnet-trace**, but using both **gc-collect** or **gc-verbose** profiles won't be enough. They do not enable providers/keywords necessary for recording **PinObjectAtGCTime** events. Try to configure it have all keywords (**0xffffffffffffffff**) at *Verbose* (5) level both from **Microsoft-Windows-DotNETRuntime** and **Microsoft-Windows-DotNETRuntimePrivate**.