How to electrify your own fence: ProcessStrictHandleCheckPolicy

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During process termination, if you try to enter a critical section that is owned by another thread that has already been terminated, <u>the gates are now electrified</u>, and the kernel simply terminates your process.

We saw that <u>an invalid handle error</u> and <u>an object type mismatch error</u> both mean that your critical section is corrupted.

And <u>as noted in a comment on the last linked article</u>, there is an option (enabled by default for Store apps) to electrify the fences and raise a exception if an application tries to use an invalid handle or an invalid type of handle (for example, trying to <u>SetEvent</u> on a semaphore). Classic Win32 applications can opt into this behavior by calling <u>SetProcess-MitigationPolicy</u> and asking for the <u>ProcessStrictHandleCheckPolicy</u> to be turned on.

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