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Subject: Ctrl-break weirdness in Windows 95/NT IDL

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Greetings :

Recently I had to port an IDL program which we typically run under VMS and UNIX onto Windows 95 and NT. This program iteratively fits data and takes many minutes to hours to run. When running it under Windows 95/NT, some odd things have been happening (this is IDL v5.0.2):

- 1) Under Windows 95, Control-break will not stop program execution - I have to wait for the program to finish. Under Windows NT, Control-break does work. The same problems occur on different machines. The same program under VMS and UNIX stops after a Control-C.
- 2) If I choose to display results in a plot window at each iteration, under Windows 95 & NT the last plot window opened remains in the foreground. While the program is running, I cannot click on the other plot windows or IDL program window to bring them into the foreground. Using the Xmouse program to activate the window which the mouse pointer is in does not help. I have no such problems on VMS & UNIX.

I can, of course, come up with workarounds, such as checking in the iteration loop to see if a key has been hit, etc, but that's a kludge. Does anyone else have the same problems or know of true fixes?

Thanks,

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