Subject: Re: Creating a Run-Time IDL Application
Posted by Eric Frans on Thu, 19 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Dick Jackson wrote:

>
> Quick check: is there a blank (' ') character anywhere in your .sav
> file's path? (I know, you're thinking "What an odd question!" :-)
>
> If so, you have stumbled on a bug in IDL Runtime for Windows that I
> came across a little while back. The bug was still there in IDL 5.2b1,
> but I was told that it was going to be in 5.2 final, and indeed it
> seems to be fixed in 5.2b2. For now, of course, you can remove any
> blanks in enclosing directory names, if that isn't too inconvenient.
>
> Hope this helps!

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!

That was the problem exactly. I have a folder named 'IDL Programs' and
several subfolders underneath that was where I had the .sav file
located. After many hours of altering my code thinking the problem was
the widget coding, I tried to simply move the .sav file to a different
folder altogether and everything worked fine. I didn't understand what
was happening until I read your message.

Let me just reiterate Dick's point that the .sav file will not work if
you have a blank *anywhere* in the .sav file path -- i.e. the folder
under 'IDL Programs' I had the .sav file in had no spaces in it, but the
program still wouldn't launch since the .sav file was still *under* 'IDL
Programs'.

I think I'll be using underscores instead of spaces from now on!

 - Eric Frans

P.S. Hopefully, David Fanning will add a step 3.5 to his page stating
that the .sav file must be in a directory path with no spaces. :)