
Subject: Re: IDL5.2 and "corrupted descriptors"

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In article <3687D882.6CAACF1@astro.ufl.edu>, "Robert K. Pina" <rpina@astro.ufl.edu> writes:

> Hi,

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> I have written some widget tools which I have been using with no
> problems under IDL5.1 and 5.0 (and earlier) on a Windows NT 4.0 x86
> platform. However, under IDL 5.2, I occasionally get the following
> error message:

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> %Array has a corrupted descriptor: "name"

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> where "name" is the actual name of the array. There is no help
> pertaining to "corrupted descriptors" in the documentation. I have been
> unsuccessful in determining the cause of the error message. I kept my
> IDL5.1 installation on the same host machine and the code runs with no
> problems under 5.1. Any suggestions?

Do your programs use "call_external" at all? That message typically happens
when a call_external routine messes things with memory.

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