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Subject: Re: idl 5.3 runtime on idl 5.2 system work?  
Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Wed, 22 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT  
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wbiagiot@suffolk.lib.ny.us wrote:

> Well, they *might* work, but in your case it sounds like you are using a  
> new/modified IDL 5.3 function. I doubt that their entire internal  
> structure changed. In general David is right - it shouldn't be expected  
> to work. Kinda stinks if your are distributing applications  
> because you need to have maintenance on ALL platforms (\$\$\$).

The problem is not that a function may have changed in IDL 5.3. The real issue is that the format of SAVE files which include compiled routines is different in IDL 5.3. However as David pointed out, SAVE files which include only data (variables) are backward and forward compatible.

Cheers,  
Liam.

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