
Subject: IDL 5.3 on PPC

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Hi,

There are three small details that I'd like to know if anybody else has seen:

1. When using built in editor, after hitting "save" for the open procedure, a 1/4" wide, vertical white stripe appears in the editor window, covering the text. If I compile the file, however, it disappears from the text, but remains on the bottom scroll bar. Is that a feature to make sure I compile my procedure files?
2. If I use variable watch window repeatedly to check a value of an element of structure array, which is in turn a member of structure array, IDL quits on me. First time it crashed in orderly manner (OS reported a crash and asked to restart my Mac, which I did). Second time IDL quit so politely that OS has not even noticed the occurrence. It just disappeared from the screen. Resizing variable watch window with complex data structure in it caused this too, with a funny "hold" for a second before IDL decided it had enough of mousing around.
3. When using them nice new "projects", RSI promised that when you close it and open it later, the files that were open when you closed will reopen for you. Does not happen. This is not a big deal, but is not as promised, anyway.

I am not mentioning that with syntax coloring, a commented out line in the editor does not immediately change color, as it used to do in 5.2.1.

Didn't someone notice a sad fact that with a new release, people evaluate it by trying their old code and, if it ran, they exclaim with relief, "All right, it is not any worse than the old one!". It takes longer to get to use newly available features, but new glitches are easily noticeable in places they were not before.

Cheers,
Pavel
