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Subject: Re: vn5.4 woes (today missing)  
Posted by [wmconnolley](#) on Mon, 08 Jan 2001 10:08:18 GMT  
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William Daffer <[whdaffer@earthlink.net](mailto:whdaffer@earthlink.net)> wrote:

> "Mark Hadfield" <[m.hadfield@niwa.cri.nz](mailto:m.hadfield@niwa.cri.nz)> writes:

>> The lack of Y2K conpatibility lay in the fact that ONE of the routines (I  
>> forget the name)

> str\_to\_dt.pro, I believe.

>> would accept 2-digit years and do something not very smart  
>> with them. The routine also accepted 4-digit years so people prescient  
>> enough to use them would never have noticed a problem.

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>> Pulling the IDLDT stuff was a lawyer-driven panic.

> I agree. I pulled them out of idl 5.2 and use them daily in all of  
> my processing at work. If you use 4 digits, there's *\*absolutely\** no  
> problem!

OK, thanks for the reassurance, I'll continue to do the same...

-W.

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