
Subject: Re: vn5.4 woes (today missing)
Posted by [William Daffer](#) on Sun, 07 Jan 2001 02:45:00 GMT
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"Mark Hadfield" <m.hadfield@niwa.cri.nz> writes:

> <wmc@bas.ac.uk> wrote in message news:3a54a92e.0@news.nwl.ac.uk...
>> David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote:
>>> I thought all those date/time structures went away in IDL 5.2
>>> because they could not be made Y2K compatible. You must still
>>> be working on that data archive, William. :-)
>>
>> Hmmf, this is in fact working on climate model data, which ran past
>> 2300 well before y2k came. And it seems to work still, once the right
> routines
>> are copied into place.
>
> The lack of Y2K compatibility 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.
>
> 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!

whd

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Outside of a dog a book is man's best friend.
Inside of a dog it's too dark to read
Groucho Marx