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Subject: Re: vn5.4 woes (today missing)

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Sat, 06 Jan 2001 21:16:24 GMT

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<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. :-)

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> 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) 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.

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