
Subject: Re: IDL 5.3.1 (Windows) backing store problem
Posted by [Michael Asten](#) on Fri, 30 Mar 2001 01:46:45 GMT
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Yes, it is a frequent problem on my Toshiba 2650 laptop (win98 OS; no idea what graphics card is in the box). It is as if the idlde gets 'tired' after 30-60 mins of use. The problem always goes away if I exit idl and restart idl. I won't swear to it, but I think the problem also exists in idl5.4 (I move between the two versions regularly).

Summary: sympathy and understanding, but no help .

Regards,
Michael Asten

"Jason P. Meyers" wrote:

> Hello,
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> I have been running into a problem with IDL not properly refreshing
> the log window after some period of time. After about an hour or so of
> use, the log window in IDLDE refuses to update properly. For example,
> the contents of the window aren't redrawn when re-exposed and sending
> any text to the window causes the window to go "blank". Actually, it
> doesn't go blank in the sense that I see a white screen. Rather, it
> blanks out to gray screen. The text can be recovered by scrolling the
> window up and down at least one full window height. But it then gets
> messed up as soon as the next bit of text is added or the display is
> moved. The problem goes away if I exit IDL and restart. (Note:
> resetting the session is not sufficient.) I have tried running IDL with
> default settings of Retain = 1 and Retain = 2 and the problem persists
> under both settings. Retain = 0 is not even an option because nothing
> gets updated at all.
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> Has anyone else experienced this behavior? If so, is there a known
> fix (other than upgrading to version 5.4)?
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> Thanks in advance,
> --
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