
Subject: Re: Is your IDL5.4 windows interface flaky too?
Posted by [mvukovic](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2001 21:14:52 GMT
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Steve Hartmann <s.l.h@badspam.home.com> wrote in message
news:<7oSOO8iD8n9foBe9R+Xk2NtOBx6k@4ax.com>...

> Mirko Vukovic (mvukovic@taz.telusa.com) writes:

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>> It it me, or the IDLDE (development environment, I guess) of IDL 5.4
>> on windows NT is flaky.

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>> I only recently installed 5.4, and every once in a while I cannot set
>> or clear a breakpoint.

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> I've had problems with this in the last three versions of IDL under NT
> and now with Win2K. I can usually *set* the breakpoints ok, but many
> times they get removed while the colored dot does not. Of course, then
> the program just zooms on past this line. This often happens when I
> have added or deleted some lines of code. Now I usually go to the
> "Edit Breakpoints" window (launched by the icon with the 4 red dots)
> and clear all points and reset them where I want them. Kind of a pain
> but better than crossing my fingers for a breakpoint stop.

Thanks, I have completely forgotten about that one. Off course, I
could go back to the old days and use the breakpoint command:-)

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>> The variable watcher is out of step most of
>> the time, and ctrl-W that is supposed to move the cursor to the
>> command window sometimes fails.

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> I agree with David and never use this. I find it easier to type:
> help, variable (or print, variable)
> then to search for the variable in the list.

Ahem, I only started using it now that I have a 21" monitor, and I can
splurge on open windows

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> I've never seen ctrl-W fail. However, when a program stops at a
> breakpoint, most of the time the focus is then in the command window.
> Sometimes it's in the edit window. Sometimes I don't know where it is.
> The second case is the worse for me because I'm usually half done
> typing a command before I realize I've been editing my code.

That is so frustrating. Thank god they provided for the file/revert

command.

Thanks for all the comments. BTW (David), I use Main's only to get things going off course :-)

Mirko
