
Subject: Re: Is your IDL5.4 windows interface flaky too?
Posted by [Steve Hartmann](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2001 18:38:36 GMT
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Mirko Vukovic (mvukovic@taz.telusa.com) writes:

> 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.

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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.

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.

-Steve
