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Subject: Re: Is your IDL5.4 windows interface flaky too?  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2001 17:01:38 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.

I've used IDL 5.4 on Windows NT for a long time. I've never noticed any problems setting breakpoints, although there *is* a certain sequence you have to go through to do it. (I don't even know what it is, I just know it involves hitting the "compile" button frequently.) I guess my fingers have gotten so adept at it I just do the right thing all the time, now. :-)

> 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.

The variable watcher gave me a headache from the first day I used it. I turned it off and haven't seen it since. :-)

> Finally, (and this is from 5.3 at  
> least), single-stepping will not function in the MAIN routine, only  
> subroutines.

What in the world are you using a main routine for!? I thought all there were were procedures and functions. :-)

Cheers,

David

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