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Subject: Re: Spurious characters appear at (semi-)random intervals

Posted by [Jaco van Gorkom](#) on Fri, 21 Sep 2001 13:39:31 GMT

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Bruce Bowler wrote:

- > I'm using IDL 5.3 on a RedHat 7.0 system. In IDLDE, I occasionally
- > get random ctrl/M's thrown into the text. Most of the time, IDL
- > doesn't like those extra returns and throws a hissy fit...
- > ...
- > Sound familiar to anyone?

Ctrl/M's sometimes appear when transferring code between Windows and Unix, but I have never seen IDL complain about them.

With IDL 5.3 on Solaris 2.7 I used to get non-printable characters (not ctrl/M's) at seemingly random places in my code, at seemingly random times. There were not visible in the IDLDE window; I could only infer their presence from the syntax errors which IDL threw in otherwise perfect code. Retyping the word or line would fix it.

These problems have disappeared with IDL 5.4, so since then I've assumed that it had something to do with the color-coded editor in 5.3 .

Jaco

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