Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 and win2000 problems
Posted by R.G.S. on Thu, 27 Sep 2001 16:49:17 GMT

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Rick Towler <rtowler@u.washington.edu> wrote in message
news:9ovjst$i76$1@nntp6.u.washington.edu...
> I had serious issues with win98 and IDL when doing object stuff. Since I
> made the switch to 2000 I have had only one problem with a beta video
> driver. If it were a driver issue I would think that the problem would
> occur when IDL accessed the driver. In my case with the video driver
> whenever I would try to create an instance of IDLgrWindow IDL would crash.
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> From your post the errors seem random and I would agree with your thought
> that this is a hardware issue. Bad RAM or poor CPU cooling. Since you
have
> a laptop you probably can't set your memory timings to a more conservative
> setting or underclock your CPU from within the BIOS. Did you install
extra
> RAM and if so can you take it out? Maybe try to test the system stability
> with another program (I know people use prime95 or SETI or whatever to do
> this. I can't tell you if they are good tools for this sort of test.)
>
> -Rick

Ah yes, good suggestion re: RAM. We did put in our own ram bought from
crucial.com.

I have put the laptop in permanent battery mode, so the cpu runs
a little slower, and cooler. I'll know later today if that makes a
difference.
If it is still crashing, I'll start swapping out the ram.

Also, I have had a crash of taskmanager this morning, indicating that it is
perhaps
not a idl specific problem (although IDI was running at the time).

I'll post later to say what seems to be the problem when i get a more
definitive
answer.

Cheers,
bob