Subject: Re: no backwards compatibility in IDL 5.6
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 27 Feb 2003 13:20:00 GMT
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Alexander Rauscher (e9121161@stud4.tuwien.ac.at) writes:

> sorry for posting the same thing twice under different subjects, but i
> think this is important...
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> many of idl programs have to be adapted due do the non existing
> backwards compatibility of atan (and probably many other functions) .
> one wouldn't expect a change in such a fundamental function. so now
> atan(z, /phase) gives the same result as atan(z) in older versions did,
> where z is (re,im)... this is worse than stupid. this is dangerous.
>
> or does anybody know away to circumvent the new "features" of IDL 5.6?

From the tone (and frequency) of your posts, I presume
you think there is some kind of criminal conspiracy going
on here. Do you have any evidence of it? For example, what
did RSI say when you contacted them about this?

The programmers at RSI are prone to the same knuckleheaded
mistakes as the rest of us, but they don't deliberately
break software (or irritate their customers). Their
livelihood depends on people *buying* software, not
complaining about it. Let us know when you find out
their response to this.

Cheers,

David

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