
Subject: Re: % RESTORE: Unexpected item code found in save file. 5.6
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Richard Kidd (rk@ipf.tuwien.ac.at) writes:

- > I have just upgraded to IDL 5.6 from IDL5.5. A processing chain I set up
- > relies upon writing and reading data from IDL's save files - the routines to
- > create these save files were written in IDL 5.5. The routines seem to work
- > as normal under IDL5.6.
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- > Using an older 5.5 installation of IDL if I restore a save file created
- > under 5.6 I get an warning
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- > % RESTORE: Unexpected item code found in save file.
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- > The save file itself is restored and seems to be normally accessible.
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- > If I look at save files created by 5.5 and restored in 5.6 there seems to be
- > no problems.
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- > It seems as though the save procedure in 5.6 introduces a new tag, or
- > something, that although doesn't inhibit the restore procedure under IDL
- > 5.5 does return the above warning.
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- > Has anyone else seen this? and does anyone know if this updated (?) save
- > procedure in 5.6 has any other effects for backward compatiability?

What you describe is not "backward" compatibility; it is
forward compatibility. And although IDL acts as if it
were prescient occasionally, it isn't, really. :-)

Cheers,

David

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