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Subject: Re: Problem with plot: "Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow"

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 14 Oct 2004 21:49:54 GMT

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Paul Van Delst wrote:

> In the interests of pedantry, 5.2 was released near the end of 1998. Not  
> quite 10 years, but a goodly time ago. I started using IDL around 10 or  
> so years ago and I think v3.6 was the version of choice back then.

Uh oh, it looks like another "I started using IDL 3 centuries ago at version -10 on an abacus" thread is in danger of breaking out. Oh well, might as well accept the inevitable...

I started in late 1992/early 1993 and I *\*think\** it was version 3.1 or maybe 3.5. (I don't think the intervening version numbers existed). For 16-bit Windows, outlandish though that may seem. It was compiled with the Watcom compiler, which supported 32-bit flat memory via a DOS extender, or some such nonsense. I recall that my PC had 256 MiB of RAM ... no, that can't be right, 256 MiB of *\*disk space\** and 16 MiB of RAM.

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