
Subject: Re: Silent errors in run-time

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Thank you for your answers, I didn't get the solution I was looking for, but at least I discovered a work-around.

This time I try to be more clear: If I have a program like

```
pro test
openr,1,"nofile"
close,1
end
```

and run it interactively. I get:

```
IDL> .compile test
% Compiled module: TEST.
IDL> test
% OPENR: Error opening file. Unit: 1, File: nofile
  No such file or directory
% Execution halted at: TEST          2 /home/hyvarine/test.pro
%                               $MAIN$
IDL>
```

No supprises here.

If I compile it and then run it like this

```
IDL> .compile test
% Compiled module: TEST.
IDL> resolve_all
% Compiled module: RESOLVE_ALL.
% Compiled module: PATH_SEP.
% Compiled module: UNIQ.
IDL> save,/routines,filename='test.sav'
IDL>
[hyvarine@rokka somedir]$ idl -rt="test.sav"
```

I will get a dialog box (by `DIALOG_MESSAGE`, I think) saying "The following error was encountered: `OPENR: Error opening file. Unit: 1, File: nofile` Please consult the supplier of the application.". My problem was how to get rid of this box and get the error messages back to `stderr` (or `stdout`). No one seems to know that. But at least now I know how to change my program to

```
pro test2
catch, theError
```

```
if (theError ne 0) then begin
  catch, /cancel
  goto, theEnd
endif
openr,1,"nofile"
theEnd:
close,1
end
```

and this way get rid of the message for all. This is enough for me.

regards,
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