
Subject: Re: "Variable is undefined: conversion destination variable."

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 17:40:27 GMT

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Hello,

Ed Hyer wrote:

>> You forgot "in MY program" at the end of that sentence. If written
>> properly, the information will be available to you. Certainly you
>> can't blame this on IDL, but, again, EBKAC.

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> I beg to differ. IDL, being a high-level language, provides
> rudimentary debugging as part of its built-in error handling. As you
> point out, there is in this case an error, in my code, which causes
> IDL to halt execution. However, in the case of this particular
> exception, there is an error, in IDL's error-handling routine, which
> results in the location where the exception occurs not being reported.
> Fixing errors in my own code is nothing new, it's what I do all day.
> But if I wanted to fix code without the benefit of any indication of
> where the error occurred, I'd write in assembly language.

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> I am not asking anyone to fix whatever was in my code that caused IDL
> to crap out. I am reporting a flaw in IDL's error-handling that
> results in certain exceptions not reporting proper debugging
> information.

That could very well be, but I don't see how you can be sure of that until you know what is causing the error.

It's the usual 99%/1% rule, i.e. 99% of the time you think it's a compiler (or in this case, IDL) bug, it's not. :o)

cheers,

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