
Subject: Re: Annoying but (seemingly) harmless warning
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In article <C445F023.199%jj21@cornell.edu>,
Jonathan Joseph <jj21@cornell.edu> wrote:

> I just got a new mac (macbook pro running leopard 10.5.2) and installed IDL
> 7.0. Up til now, I've worked on sun solaris and windows pc, and have not
> upgraded to 7.0 yet on those machines.
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> Anyway, when I start IDL and open a graphics window (IDL> window) or run any
> application that creates a graphics window, I get the following error
> message:
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> % Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow
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> But after that everything seems to work properly. This message only appears
> once, the first time a window is created and never again during the IDL
> session - so it's not really too obtrusive. Though so far I've only done
> some cursory tests on this installation to make sure things work.
>
> I Just wanted to mention it in case something really isn't working that's
> going to come back and bite me later.
>
> Anyone else seen this problem?
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> Thanks.
>
> -Jonathan

I think this may be due to X-Windows bugs. (Apple made major changes
to the X distribution with 10.5). I reported this to ITTVIS some time
back. Not sure what the outcome was.

Ken
