
Subject: Re: Why did IDL just start crashing
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 25 Feb 2009 23:28:39 GMT
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Dave L writes:

> I'm running IDL 7.0 on Windows XP with 3gb ram. I've had no problems
> for the 5 months I've been using IDL on this computer, then today
> idlde.exe crashed while I was just writing some code. Now it just
> starts up and crashes immediately. I've reinstalled IDL and it's
> still crashing.
>
> Anyone have some idea of what's happening?

I would guess whatever it is it probably has little or nothing to do with IDL, which would explain why a re-install of IDL wouldn't help.

Do you have automatic updates turned on for this machine? Have you updated a JAVA distribution, perhaps automatically? Did you update a graphics driver? Have you installed any other software in the past few days? Do you have a firewall installed on this machine to protect against viruses? Does other software (MatLab, R, etc.) still work?

Exactly when does IDL crash? Before it even gets started? When you open a graphics window? You have given us too few clues.

If it helps at all, I've been running IDL 7 on a Windows XP machine with 4GByte of RAM for well over three years with not a single problem. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. This isn't a student machine filled with pirated movies, is it?

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
