
Subject: Re: HDF5 crash on macOS

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 12 Mar 2010 14:36:45 GMT

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MC writes:

- > While the HDF5 file was produced by a very recent version of the HDF
- > library with SciPy, I really don't think something as simple as
- > getting a handle (H5F_OPEN) to the data should ever cause such a
- > catastrophic crash (but then again I'm an 'old school' programmer)...
- > Has anyone else been able to open recent HDF5 in IDL 7 or do I need to
- > pay for a new license to fix this bug (or even abandon IDL and learn
- > Python and its extensions)?

There may well be good reasons to learn Python and its extensions, but this probably isn't one of them. It is a tough, thankless task to incorporate someone else's buggy, poorly documented code into your own. The fact that ITTVIS has attempted it at all is testament to their commitment to their customer's needs. These are just the usual growing pains of working on the edge of new software development. I'm not saying they don't make mistakes. I'm just saying that in this case, I would be willing to cut them a LOT of slack. No one in their right mind would be willing to make old versions of their software compatible with future changes of a library they don't control.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
