
Subject: Re: Warning: IDL 8.0 alters the behaviour of existing valid programs without any notice!

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>
> For IDL 8, the rules have suddenly been changed, with no warning
> and no way to turn it off (other than staying with version 7).
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I don't know how you can say there was no warning - ITTVIS has been advertising the negative indexing feature for months now. And it was completely obvious to me from the get-go that the new indexing would have the effect on where() calls that you're talking about. It was one of the first things I thought of.

> And although it's fine to say "some people just get what they
> deserve",
> the problem is that these people won't necessarily notice that
> anything
> is wrong, and others may rely on the false results.

I suspect that this is a danger with many, if not most, programs that are shared with others. That's a testament to the need for due diligence on the part of programmers in my book.
