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Subject: Re: IDL 8.0 bug -- line number of errors not given  
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 13 Oct 2010 03:34:47 GMT  
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On Oct 12, 4:54 pm, Paulo Penteado <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Not showing the full trace is consistent with returning to the caller.

Perhaps there are two issues here. I can agree with not showing the full trace when an error occurs inside a procedure with ON\_ERROR,2 set. But an error message is still being displayed

% Specified offset to array is out of range: A.

As Bil Nei and others have mentioned - why not include the line number and at least the procedure name as part of the error message? For example, the default behavior of the MESSAGE facility is to always include the procedure name along with an error message.

On Oct 12, 3:45 pm, Chris Torrence <gorth...@gmail.com> wrote:

> workings of the library. If you are writing your own routines, or are  
> debugging an existing routine, then I would recommend that you disable  
> the on\_error,2 command until you have completed your routine and are  
> ready to "release" it.

One minor problem with this is that it is not easy to disable ON\_ERROR, 2 commands. I am currently upgrading a well-established library of ~50 routines, so I would need to first comment out all the ON\_ERROR statements, install the upgrades, and then uncomment the ON\_ERROR lines.

Besides Paul van Delst's warning of the need to edit "fixed" code, it is all a bit of a pain.

I always wished there was a global way to change the ON\_ERROR values. I could do this now by creating a new system variable, say !ON\_ERROR, and starting all my code with On\_ERROR, !ON\_ERROR. Then if I wanted to go into debug mode, I would set !ON\_ERROR = 3. But there are other problems with introducing a new system variable. --  
Wayne