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Subject: Re: Fragile IDL 8 Object Programs  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Mon, 25 Oct 2010 17:13:34 GMT  
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Does this only happen when you use the idlde? Or also in command line usage?

cheers,

paulv

p.s. Full disclosure: I have *\*never\** used the idlde. I just started it up for the very first time and my simple hello world program produced several pages of errors. Goodness.

David Fanning wrote:

> Paulo Penteado writes:

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>> Fragile in what sense? Besides the on\_error issue, which is not  
>> specific to objects, I have not noticed any such difference when  
>> debugging, either with object or non-object programs, preexisting or  
>> new, using Catalyst or not.

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> Fragile in the sense that when one of my object programs  
> crashes (there are usually widgets involved), and I fix  
> the problem and re-compile and re-run, quite often, but not  
> always, IDL simply freezes and refuses to do anything at all.  
> I need to kill it, which takes on the order of a minute  
> or two, and re-start it in order to proceed.

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> It is possible there are left-over graphical widgets on  
> the display when I re-compile. Most of the time I am not  
> aware of this because I can't get the darn things to pop forward  
> on my display, and I usually have multiple applications  
> open on both monitors, so my graphics windows are almost  
> always hidden. I spend about half the day trying to find  
> the damn things!

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> Cheers,

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> David

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