
Subject: Re: Sanity Check

Posted by [Gray](#) on Sat, 30 Oct 2010 12:25:08 GMT

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On Oct 29, 12:26 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,
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> OK, just checking in for a sanity check.
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> I'm working in IDL 8.0.1 this morning. Mostly doing my
> work, but every once in awhile fooling around with the
> new Plot function. Plenty to like and puzzle over there!
> Mostly I'm trying to figure out what advantage it would
> be to me to rotate a line plot. Maybe that's something
> Matlab doesn't do, I don't know.
>
> Anyway, while I'm working I'm running a main level program
> and I want to examine the contents of a variable. I type
> at the IDL command line:
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> IDL> Print, var
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> Nothing! I type:
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> IDL> Print, 5
>
> Nothing!!
>
> While I'm staring at this result, trying to think what it
> might mean, about 20 seconds later, IDL wakes up from its
> nap and gives me the information I want.
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> Humm. OK. Probably did something wrong somewhere along the
> line.
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> So, five minutes ago, I want to see the plots I am working on
> in a 2x2 grid. I set it up with !P.Multi=[0,2,2] and draw
> my four plots. I only see my last one! I check to be sure
> I have !P.Multi set up right, that I've compiled the program
> module, put a print statement in to be sure I'm running the
> program I think I am, etc. Run the program. Still no multi-plots!
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> Very, very strange. A .Full_Reset put things right.
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> I'm I going nuts here? Naturally, I can't repeat any of this.
> But I've been working in IDL a long time (too long, from the
> looks of it). I pretty much know what I'm doing most of the
> time. Very strange.

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> Cheers,
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> David
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> --
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

This happened to me once... several days ago there was a time when I started getting no responses on the command line, though if I tried to bring up plots they showed. But PRINT and HELP statements did nothing. I don't remember how I got into that situation, but a `full_reset` helped fix it.
