
Subject: Re: IDL 8.1 still unstable

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 27 Jun 2011 16:16:44 GMT

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On 6/27/11 9:46 AM, David Fanning wrote:

> alx writes:

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>> I am running both 32 and 64 bits versions of IDL 8.1 under various,
>> fully updated MS-Windows OS.

>> I wonder whether I am the only user to face this kind of problem !

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> I have been using IDL 8.1 pretty much all day long
> for over two weeks now, teaching IDL classes every
> day, all day. I think it has probably crashed no
> more than 2-3 times. Today, for example, it crashed
> when I said "Help, a". I don't know why! :-)

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> In general, it has been reasonably stable. A LOT more
> stable than IDL 8.0, that's for sure, although I have
> completely abandoned writing main-level programs in
> IDL for the moment, because that part of IDL 8.1 is
> completely broken.

It seems to me that the 8.1 Workbench is more stable than 8.0, but definitely not stable enough for me to use (at least on Mac). If I can get it to launch, it usually works for me, but starting up is a 50/50 shot at best. It seems to be related to available memory and I can usually get it to start if I quit some other applications, but it's not guaranteed.

I have also had some weird issues with main-level programs, but I can't seem to remember the details.

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