
Subject: Re: IDL 8.1 still unstable

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On Jun 27, 12:16 pm, Michael Galloy <mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:

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

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>> 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.

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> 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.

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

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I'm using IDI 8.1 on a Mac as well. The IDLDE has been up and running for over a month now. However, it does not mean it is more stable. It simply has a number of annoyances. Currently, my (forward) "delete" button has quit functioning (the backwards delete button still works). This is the typical sign that IDL soon becomes unresponsive, meaning that the command line will quit working as well. It does not crash, only, no commands will be executed. Only way to solve it is to restart IDL.

I think part of the problem is the underlying JAVA. I'm running other JAVA programs as well and sometimes there seems to be some interaction between these JAVA programs with IDL, most likely memory crunch,- I only got 32 GB and still run out of it sometimes.

These are my few cents,

Volker
