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Subject: Shapefile Woes

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Folks,

I have been working with GSHHS shapefiles this morning. The last time I worked with these files very extensively was back in the IDL 6.4 days, when I didn't have any trouble at all reading and displaying them.

But, already this morning, I have crashed IDL 8.1 at least half a dozen times just trying to read the files and view the shapes.

Has anyone else noticed that IDL 8.1 is extremely fragile around shapefiles? There are lots of pointers in shapefiles. I wonder if this has something to do with the automatic heap clean up procedures?

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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