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Subject: Re: IDL 8.1 is a Piece of Work

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I know nothing about the windows environment, and I don't use the IDE, so your IDL experience may be normal (anyone? anyone?)

But maybe your computer has a virus? Or something.

Regardless, while I empathise with your frustration, I sure do appreciate the effort you're expending to exercise the function graphics routines and, just as importantly, document that effort.

cheers,

paulv

p.s. So, um, are ITTVIS paying you yet for this testing of IDL in the field? :o)

David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,

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> Have I mentioned that IDL 8.1 is a piece of work!?

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> This morning, I have IDL 8.1 running, along with the

> IDL 8.1 on-line help, and a browser. When I type a

> command in the IDL window that is \*suppose\* to summon

> a widget program to the display, no widget program

> appears. Instead, my browser window is popped to the

> front of my IDL window with what looks like Japanese

> characters in the browser title bar!

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> For God's sake!!

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> I mention this now because this weirdness is completely

> reproducible at the moment, unlike other intermittent

> oddities that continue to plague me with this miserable

> excuse for software.

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> Yesterday, for example, as I was developing some

> map projection software, I noticed that about

> every 5th or 6th time I would run the program that

> no graphics window would appear. No errors or anything

> like that. Just no response whatsoever. If I issued

> a Window command, then a window would appear and all

> would act normally until another 5 or 6 minutes would

> pass.

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> Very, very strange and irritating behavior. :-(  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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