
Subject: IDL 8.1 is a Piece of Work

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Folks,

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

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!

For God's sake!!

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.

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.

Very, very strange and irritating behavior. :-(

Cheers,

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

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