
Subject: IDL 8.1 error messages

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I finally got IDL for my new laptop and, of course, it's a new version (running various states of 6, 7, and now 8 here...). In comparing 8.1 to 6.1 or 7.1, when a program crashes the error report on 8.1 appears to be sadly lacking. Compare (details on what's going on are moot):

6.1

Now reading header: lend_rdr_dld_20090703.lbl

% CLOSE: Variable is undefined: UNIT.

% Error occurred at: POINTPDS 217

/usr/local-remote/klassen/idlprogs/readpds/pointpds.pro

% HEADPDS 157

/usr/local-remote/klassen/idlprogs/readpds/headpds.pro

% READPDS 190

/usr/local-remote/klassen/idlprogs/readpds/readpds.pro

% \$MAIN\$

% Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

8.1

Now reading header: lend_rdr_dld_20090703.lbl

% CLOSE: Variable is undefined: UNIT.

% Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

Is there a way to get the more verbose output from 8.1 so I can actually debug things? Note: I'm running IDL from a terminal command line and not the developer environment.
