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Subject: Re: Object programming error in non-object program  
Posted by [David Klassen](#) on Thu, 21 Jun 2012 18:29:41 GMT  
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On Thursday, June 21, 2012 1:34:12 PM UTC-4, Bill Nel wrote:

> On Jun 21, 1:28 pm, David Klassen <klas...@rowan.edu> wrote:

>> This is frustrating me because my IDL skills are at the IDL 5.0 level, but since ITT won't allow me to simply move software, I have to re-buy each time I get a new machine, I have IDL 8...

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>> The program is a massive thing and mostly works fine but every now and again (and I can't find a reason---but it seems to happen if I recompile the program) I get this error:

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>> % Object reference expression not allowed in this context: <OBJREF

>> (<ObjHeapVar16(LIST)>)>.

>>

>> and I have no clue what it means. The program was written in IDL 3, and last updated under IDL 5 so there are no object oriented programming statements.

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>> The crash happens on:

>> for ii=0l,n\_list-1 do oplot,\$

>> [new\_vecs(list(ii),i)],[new\_vecs(list(ii),j)],\$

>> psym=pssym,color=k\_col(list(ii))

>

> LIST is a function since IDL 8.0 -- you need to rename your LIST array

> variable. (Using square brackets to index arrays instead of

> parenthesis might help temporarily, but it's probably not a great

> solution.)

Thank you! (and D Fanning)

This was driving me nuts. Odd thing: it works \*most\* of the time...

Ugh; so now I've got to comb through a few thousand lines of code (well, OK, global search and replace—and hope that doesn't break something else) and change my variable name.

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