
Subject: Object programming error in non-object program
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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...

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:

```
% 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.

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))
where:
II      LONG    =      0
N_LIST  LONG    =    22159
NEW_VECS (PCA2) DOUBLE = Array[583200, 64]
LIST    LONG    = Array[22159]
I       INT     =      2
J       INT     =      1
PSSYM   INT     =      8
K_COL   INT     = Array[583200]
```

Note, that a plot has already been set up using

```
plot,new_vecs(list,i),new_vecs(list,j),/nodata,xstyle=3,ystyle=3,$
title=titl, subtitle=sub_title, xtitle=xt, ytitle=yt,$
xrange=xrange,yrange=yrange,charthick=3,charsize=1.2,$
xthick=2,ythick=2
```

Any ideas on what the clash might be?!

Thanks!
