On Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:07:02 AM UTC-4, Kenneth P. Bowman wrote:
> I don't normally use the IDL development environment, but we have been following
> the recommended procedure for eliminating the bogus Time Machine errors on OS X.
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> Doing so involves starting idl and idlde one time with root privileges.
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Try checking for any hanging IDL processes (e.g. ps aux | grep idl) and killing them.

> When we start idlde, we inevitably get this error message:
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>   Workspace in use or cannot be created, choose a different one.
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> We have tried deleting any workspaces and .idl directory. When we start idlde
> it creates a new workspace and a new .idl directory, but the error message
> recurs and nothing will let us actually start idlde.
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> Any suggestions?
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> Thanks, Ken