
Subject: Re: IDL8.4 hard crash

Posted by [chris_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2015 21:18:05 GMT

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On Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 1:55:39 PM UTC-7, bill...@gmail.com wrote:

> On Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 3:37:46 PM UTC-5, JDS wrote:

>> Try:

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>> IDL> a=hash() & c=(a['b']=hash())

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>> I believe auto-instantiation would make HASH/DICT/etc. much more useful. I.e. I ought to be able to say:

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>> IDL> a=hash() & a['b','c']='test'

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>> and have a['b'] auto-initialized as an empty hash.

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>> JD

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> Crashes on OSx 10.9.5, on RHEL 6.6 gives:

> % Key must be a scalar string or number.

> % Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

The crash is fixed in IDL 8.4.1. Thanks for reporting it!

-Chris

p.s. I can't quite wrap my head around how the auto-instantiation would work. More examples?
