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Subject: Re: memory leak in volume()

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On Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 5:58:12 PM UTC-6, David Grier wrote:

> Dear Folks,  
>  
> The Volume() function appears to leak memory in IDL 8.5, leading to frequent  
> crashes under both Mac and GNU/linux (Mac: Yosemite 10.10.5, XQuartz 2.7.8;  
> Ubuntu 15.04 and 15.10). Running from the command line, a few calls to Volume() will  
> cause IDL to quit to the UNIX prompt with a Bus error: 10, which is indicative of a memory leak.  
> Crashes are more frequent with large data sets.  
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> Once IDL has crashed this way the first time, restarting IDL and trying to create any  
> function-graphics window will lead to another abrupt crash. The only way to fix this is to restart  
> the X server, for instance by logging out and logging in again.  
>  
> This is too bad because volumetric rendering is still one of the things that IDL does  
> better than the competition, at least IMHO.  
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> TTFN,  
>  
> David

Hi David,

Have you tried switching to software rendering instead of hardware? You can do that by either  
setting an IDL preference or using `renderer=1` when calling `volume()`.

-Chris

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