
Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 Stability

Posted by [mole6e23](#) on Mon, 06 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Has anyone had any problems with IDL 5.4 stability? I've
> managed to completely crash it three times in the past
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> IDL 5.3.1 *ever* crashing on my Windows NT machine in
> all the times I've used it.

Actually, we had the opposite problem...we found 5.3 to be not entirely stable. We have a multi-user license on our Alpha server, and oddly enough, if you tried to do anything where IDL has to pop up a window while you were sitting at the actual computer, it crashed 100% of the time. Using it via XWindows on other computers worked just fine. We haven't had a single crash with 5.4 that I know of. Of course, like you said, it could just be a Windows problem.

Todd

Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 Stability

Posted by [Karsten Rodenacker](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2000 07:15:18 GMT

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David Fanning schrieb:

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I have similar experiences with idl 5.4 on my Windows NT, meaning more frequent cashes. I am using (extensively?) David Fannings display routines like xsurface, xcountour and xwindow beside some own stuff with widgets and some objects with relatively much data space (about 150 MB).

Up to now I could not relate crashes with my operations. However, I am suspicious about IDL's registry use since my machine(s) showed after crashes a very slow recovery of the desktop.

Regards

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Karsten Rodenacker ()

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Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 Stability
Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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This entire thread sounds extremely discouraging. I am sure my 5.3 works just fine, and does all I want. How much did that "major upgrade" cost, again? :-(It might be worth waiting for 5.4.1 for us poor shnooks.
Cheers,
Pavel

Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 Stability
Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

> Has anyone had any problems with IDL 5.4 stability?

Just installed it. Looked in the What's New book, and XVOLUME and XROI look like useful thingies, so I fire them up with the example code in the book, and after several pages of font errors IDL crashes out with a core dump. Hey ho...

Waiting for RSI to get back to me, will probably nudge them later today. So far, not a Big Win!

That's on Solaris 8/SPARC on an Ultra 30.

Pete.

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Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 Stability
Posted by [pit](#) on Wed, 08 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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"Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov> writes:

> This entire thread sounds extremely discouraging. I am sure my 5.3
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That's why I'm still using 4.0.1 at home.... :-)

Pit

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