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Subject: IDL crashing badly on my solaris 8 system  
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On 2000/11/07 Peter Clinch 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.

I couldn't find any posted solution to peter's problem.  
I am seeing what may be a similar problem. While I haven't  
personally seen a bunch of font errors printed out, one of  
our student's has - probably the way I caused the crash caused  
the window to be obscured so I could not read the errors.  
I could not check for errors afterwards, because the crash  
not only kills IDL, but it kills the whole CDE session.

I can cause this crash easily and consistently by firing up  
the IDL demo:

IDL> demo

Then clicking on the "visualization" button then clicking on  
the "flythrough" button. A big mostly blank window pops up, then  
shortly thereafter, my CDE session terminates.

Here's my system info.

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# uname -a  
SunOS cayman 5.8 Generic_108528-08 sun4u sparc SUNW,Sun-Blade-1000
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Can anyone offer any suggestions?

Thanks a lot.

-Jonathan

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