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Subject: (Re) No.of variables allowed?

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Hi,

I'm posting this strange problem to hopefully help possible future victims.

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Using IDL 5.0.2 under Windows 2000, I was doing some relatively extensive statistical analysis. I used one procedure to create 35 variables and save them in a file. In another procedure, I read them in, but when I try to use any of them, I get the following error:

"idlde.exe has generated errors and will be closed by Windows.  
You will need to restart the program.

An error log is being created."

And the IDL crashes. There is no error log in Control Panel/Administrative Tools/Event Viewer.(I am not logged in as administrator.)

I did define a whole bunch of variables. When I restore the 35 from the .idl file, I have 100+. Many begin with the same set of characters, but they share 11 first characters at the most, so I do not think that filenames are the issue.

Trying to save and restore files with various numbers of variables, I think that the problem is the shear number of them. I can have ~85 without a problem, but more that that (I'm not sure about the exact numbers, just the ballpark, sorry) does not work. Also, it is interesting that IDL only crashes when I try to use the last-restored variables, not while I actually restore them.

I solved the problem by chopping up my data into little groups of variables and analyzing them group by group.

Good luck to all,

Milica

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