
Subject: Re: "Program Code area full" error message
Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2002 21:38:14 GMT
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Subject: Re: "Program Code area full" error message
Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2002 08:12:52 GMT
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IIRC you can get this message if a script crashes and you compile (either directly or indirectly) another procedure without first returning to the IDL main level with RETALL.

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Subject: Re: "Program Code area full" error message
Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2002 13:34:38 GMT
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I can get the message by doing the following:

Trying to run a line of code that is really really REALLY long.

i.e.:

put this in a file:

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a = [ 1, $  
2, $  
3, $  
4, $  
..., $  
1e6 ]
```

then do @file

and you should get the error.

Its almost like having a line limit of 1024 characters or something,
but not quite.

-k.

Subject: Re: "Program Code area full" error message

Posted by [astib](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2002 15:51:06 GMT

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Hi Pavel,

The code is again somebody else's, but I found out something else that I get number of runtime error messages when I select run from the Run menu in IDL. But if I give .go command from the command line, it starts execution normally and only gives reasonable errors. And well, this is not true for every program. It happens for some codes, it doesn't for others. This I have encountered before also. Has it something to do with the code ? I guess not.

I got "Program Code area full" error message in different things like, print statement , array declaration, value assignment , TVSCL statement, write statement etc. and other number of errors while trying to run from Run menu. I do not understand this.

Thanks,
Asti

"Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel_romashkin@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:<3D179146.4D2D9124@hotmail.com>...

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Subject: Re: "Program Code area full" error message

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2002 20:22:02 GMT

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Sorry, I have no idea. I have never seen this. Looks like David hasn't either, since he is keeping silence.

Good luck,
Pavel

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Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2002 21:25:55 GMT

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This has been discussed in the past.

Try searching this ng on google for "Program Code Area Full"

Search for the following culprits in your code:

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OR

very long assignment statements (lots of \$'s)

OR

dummy = execute(some_string)

You say you are not using execute, but you also said that your are using someone else's code. Have you thoroughly checked (case insensitive grep) that there are no executes hidden somewhere?

-k.

On 24 Jun 2002, Asti Bhatt wrote:

> Date: 24 Jun 2002 10:31:55 -0700
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 26 Jun 2002 15:00:02 GMT
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There is an area of IDL memory set aside to compile IDL programs. This is the "program code area" (I think). In

any case, you usually see this error message when you are working with really poorly written code (usually a colleague's). :-)

Actually, you usually see it when you are working with huge IDL main-level programs, rather than the more normal procedures and functions. The work-around, of course, is to write procedures and functions like you are suppose to and get away from huge journal-type scripts.

I'm not surprised things work better when you compile the main-level program and then run it with .GO. The compiler probably can re-size the program code area dynamically.

And, by the way, that "RUN" button on the IDLDE probably confuses more people than helps. I truly don't know what it can be used for, other than to run IDL procedures that don't require any arguments. I usually point people away from it.

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [astib](#) on Wed, 26 Jun 2002 16:34:58 GMT

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Ken Mankoff <mankoff@I.HATE.SPAM.cs.colorado.edu> wrote in message news:<Pine.LNX.4.44.0206251520490.16845-100000@snoe.colorado.edu>...

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I recommend completely disabling the Run menu in the IDL development environment. I used a black magic marker to rub it out of mine. :-)

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