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Subject: Re: IDL 7 boot error

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 02 Mar 2008 05:20:59 GMT

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markb77@gmail.com writes:

> I'm getting multiple errors every time I boot IDL. A window pops up  
> telling me that "Multiple errors have occurred" and it shows three  
> errors, all the same:  
>  
> An error has occurred. See error log for more details.  
> java.lang.NullPointerException  
>  
> I'm running Windows XP. I wasn't getting this error previously - I  
> think it has something to do with my recent installation of Microsoft  
> Visual Studio 2005 or the Intel C compiler..  
>  
> I've tried the "Repair Installation" option for IDL under Add and  
> Remove programs.. nothing changed. I'm thinking of removing IDL  
> entirely, along with those compilers and reinstalling everything. If  
> anyone has an idea though...

Here is the story of what I did to get rid of these errors:

<http://www.dfanning.com/workbench/nullptrerr.html>

Your mileage may vary.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: IDL 7 boot error

Posted by [markb77](#) on Sun, 02 Mar 2008 05:56:27 GMT

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David,

Has anyone yet coined an acronym that would mean something like RTFM,  
but referring to your web site? Something like RDFWSBPHYB, Read David  
Fanning's Web Site Before Posting Here You Bonehead, would be  
appropriate in this case. This is the upteenth time for me.

Thanks - it worked.

Mark

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Subject: Re: IDL 7 boot error

Posted by [Ryan](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2008 14:27:53 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2008 14:42:19 GMT

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PSCONFIG
FSC_COLOR
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David

P.S. \*Somebody\* must be reading it. Downloads have increased another 20% in the past 3-4 months! Even more significantly,

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> FSC\_COLOR

Life must be good because I read the website from time to time and use those programs quite often. =)

Ryan.

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Subject: Re: IDL 7 boot error

Posted by [elwood](#) on Mon, 10 Mar 2008 03:18:23 GMT

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I might be one of the guilty causing the download increase.  
Hope you don't mind-  
I required my students to read a few very very useful things from your  
web site ;-)  
I often review a few things from there also.  
Its an invaluable resource-Thanks a million!

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