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Posted by [astroboy2k](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2009 19:57:24 GMT

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Mark

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Posted by [David Gell](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 16:16:32 GMT

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On Mar 4, 1:57 pm, Mark <astrobo...@gmail.com> wrote:

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I tried to duplicate this on an intel mac running IDL 6.4 and OSX 10.5 and couldn't. Marks situation is, however, an improvement on the bad old days when doing an odd IDL thing would crash the VAX-VMS operating system. For example IDL> \$IDL. Very good if you didn't care for the

sysadmin.

Dave
