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Subject: Virtual Machine run-time error 5

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Hello,

Recently I created a tool using the IDL (8.0) Virtual Machine. I gave it to some colleagues to use, and some were able to run the tool successfully, though a couple of them received an error message when trying to run the tool. In instances when the tool does not work, the user first double clicks the tool's exe file and successfully gets to the first IDL screen where it asks you if you want to launch the tool or exit, then, when you go to launch the program you get the following error message which ends any attempt at actually getting to the GUI for the tool I set up:

"Run-time error '5': Invalid procedure or call argument"

I've googled this and haven't found anything specific to IDL. It seems that this error message is somewhat of a catch all for Windows systems and some websites suggest that it may be a problem with a computer's registry. So far, I have only tested this on Windows XP machines. Any suggestions on what could be wrong? Is there anything I can adjust within my IDL program to avoid this problem? Or is it likely particular to the Windows machine that is trying to run the program, my code, or some flaw in this version of IDL? It is a bit confusing since the same exact program works successfully on my computer, as well as some other computers without IDL installed on them. Thanks in advance for your help.

Chris

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