
Subject: Make IDL record console output to a file automatically?

Posted by [James\[2\]](#) on Thu, 25 Nov 2010 00:05:01 GMT

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Hi Folks,

I'm trying to work out some external C programs that I'm calling from IDL.

In IDL 7.1, when my DLLs crashed, IDL would display a fatal error message, but the workbench window would persist, so I could look at the console and read the debug statements from my C code to figure out what happened right before the crash.

On the other hand, IDL 8 exits immediately, closing all windows. This is a problem because I have already changed some of my code to use IDL 8 features, so I can't just run everything in 7.1 to view the error messages.

This motivates my question - is there any way to get IDL to record all console output on a file, so I can read it and do a post-mortem after IDL shuts down?

You'd think that software would get better when they release new versions...

Subject: Re: Make IDL record console output to a file automatically?

Posted by [jeanh](#) on Thu, 25 Nov 2010 11:59:08 GMT

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On 24/11/2010 7:05 PM, James wrote:

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> console output on a file, so I can read it and do a post-mortem after
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Hi,

JOURNAL comes to mind... though I am not sure if all content would be written, as you would be unable to type the closing command

Jean
