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Posted by [stefan.meingast](#) on Wed, 12 Feb 2014 13:37:37 GMT

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Any help would be appreciated!!  
thanks

Here is the part of the code that gives me trouble written in a stand-alone dummy program:

PRO dummy

```
;Convert MJD-OBS to relative observing time
timearr = (timearr - MIN(timearr)) * 24D
```

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;Generate QC ZP plot
```

```
plot = ERRORPLOT(photstab, czp[0,*], czp[1,*], $
    ERRORBAR_COLOR = 'BLACK', $
    ERRORBAR_CAPSIZE = 0.1, $
    LINESTYLE = '-', $
    THICK = '2', $
    COLOR = 'BLACK', $
    'o', SYM_FILLED = 1, SYM_SIZE = 1, SYM_COLOR='CRIMSON', $
    XTITLE = 'Photometric stability ID', $
    YTITLE = 'ZP [mag]', $
    POSITION = [0.1,0.1,0.9,0.4], $
    XRANGE = [0, ncoadds + 2U], $
    DIMENSIONS = [1200,800], $
    YMAJOR = 5, $
    /BUFFER)
```

```
;Plot used sources
```

```
nplot = PLOT(photstab, czp[2,*], 'o', SYM_COLOR = 'BLACK', $
    SYM_FILLED = 1, SYM_SIZE = 1, $
```

```
YTITLE = '# sources', $
YMAJOR = 4, $
POSITION = [0.1,0.4,0.9,0.6], $
XRANGE = [0, ncoadds + 2U], $
/CURRENT)
```

```
nplot['axis0'].SHOWTEXT = 0
nplot['axis1'].SHOWTEXT = 0
nplot['axis2'].SHOWTEXT = 1
nplot['axis3'].SHOWTEXT = 1
```

```
;Replot sorted by time
plotext = MAX(timearr) * 0.02
tplot = PLOT(timearr, czp[0,*], $
    LINESTYLE = ' ', $
    'o', SYM_FILLED = 1, SYM_SIZE = 1, SYM_COLOR='CRIMSON', $
    XTITLE = 'Rel. observing time [h]', $
    YTITLE = 'ZP [mag]', $
    POSITION = [0.1,0.7,0.9,0.95], $
    XRANGE = [0 - plotext, MAX(timearr) + plotext], $
    YMAJOR = 5, $
    DIMENSIONS = [1200,800], $
    /CURRENT)
```

END

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Subject: Re: Weird compilation behaviour...

Posted by [Moritz Fischer](#) on Wed, 12 Feb 2014 14:17:01 GMT

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Have you tried to rename the plot ( e.g. to plot1) ? Having a variable and a routine with the same name can cause trouble.

Am 12.02.2014 14:37, schrieb Stefan:

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Cool. That fixed it thanks a lot. In two year of IDL programming this has never been a problem, but you are right, I should change the habit of naming the plot after the function. ;)

thanks again!!

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