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Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Wed, 14 Jan 2015 22:25:15 GMT

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It would be nice if these classes could be shoved down to C code or the IDL source routines could be exposed instead of being hidden in a .sav file. If anyone can't think of something to get me for my birthday, this would do the trick.

Jim P.

Subject: Re: debugging with new variables (dictionary, hash, ...)
Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Wed, 14 Jan 2015 22:28:48 GMT
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I think that .SO and .OUT are the same as F6 and F7.
I tried in the IDLDE and it didn't work.
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Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Wed, 14 Jan 2015 22:35:20 GMT
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I can only offer a "happy birthday". I have no chance to access the code.
I think that the following are the same (at least in my default workbench configuration):
Keyboard = workbench = command line
F5 = "In" = ???
F6 = "Over" = .SO
F7 = "Out" = .OUT

There is also the "don't try this at home" option.
While in the dictionary or hash procedure, try what happens when you press Ctrl+Shift+F6 (=Skip). You will generate some "unexpected" errors like:

% SCOPE_VARFETCH: String expression required in this context: KEY.

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>>> Is there any chance to see all of this disappear in the future?
>>>
>>> Regards,
>>> Helder
>>>
>>> PS: There are of course ways around this, like putting a new toggle point at the beginning of
the procedure/function being called. However, the behavior does not fit with other IDL functions.
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>>> % Stepped to: DICTIONARY::GETPROPERTY 13
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>>> % Stepped to: DICTIONARY::GETPROPERTY 18
>>> % Stepped to: DICTIONARY::GETPROPERTY 19
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>>> % Stepped to: HASH::HASKEY 451
>>> % Stepped to: DICTIONARY::GETPROPERTY 20
>>> % Stepped to: DICTIONARY::GET 77
>>> % Stepped to: DICTIONARY::GET 79
>>> % Stepped to: DICTIONARY::GET 82
>>> % Stepped to: DICTIONARY::GET 85
>>> % Stepped to: HASH::GET 213
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>
> There's also a ".out" button that was added to the workbench toolbar in 8.1.
>
> It would be nice if these classes could be shoved down to C code or the IDL source routines
could be exposed instead of being hidden in a .sav file. If anyone can't think of something to get
me for my birthday, this would do the trick.
>
> Jim P.
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Subject: Re: debugging with new variables (dictionary, hash, ...)

Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2015 12:06:45 GMT

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Hi Helder,

On 14.01.2015 23:06, Helder wrote:

> it will be a painful clicking exercise...

yes, I reported the same problem here long ago:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/9ATWbQ7bs2o>

I agree that this is very annoying in practice, but maybe it's just us...

Fabien

Subject: Re: debugging with new variables (dictionary, hash, ...)

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2015 12:27:17 GMT

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Hi Fabien,

sorry, but I didn't google your post. It's exactly the same problem I have and I find it quite annoying.

Specially because I have some pro code in some file somewhere in my directory/project and when I want to debug such code, it's easier to put a breakpoint on such lines and then "step-in". However, I have to deal with loads of unnecessary clicking...

A workaround would be great.

At the time Jim wanted to convert to c and Chris thought this could be solved with the right button (F6) or that there is no need to step-into build-in IDL functions like mean(). I support Jim's idea, but it's not up to me :-)

As for Chris comments, unfortunately these don't work and most of the time it is our procedures we want to debug, not IDLs (by good luck).

So, is there any update on this from Exelis?

Regards,
Helder

On Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 1:06:49 PM UTC+1, Fabien wrote:

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Subject: Re: debugging with new variables (dictionary, hash, ...)

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2015 13:27:52 GMT

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On Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 5:28:50 PM UTC-5, Helder wrote:

> If you type .SO first, then it will (obviously) step over the line "print, retValue(...)". If you use F5 to step in (don't know what the command line option is), then you can't get out with .SO. With .OUT you go too far out!

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> Thanks anyway,
> Helder

I don't understand this comment. .SO will *not* step over the line "print, retValue(...)". Steppover is perhaps an unfortunate name. It does not skip or "step over" any lines. It takes

one step and *if* you enter another procedure in that step it continues until you return (e.g exit the HASH call). This appears to be exactly what you are asking for.

As for .OUT you would use it once you step into the HASH routine to get out of the HASH routine in one keystroke. Of course, by using .SO you can avoid ever entering the hash routine in the first place.

Subject: Re: debugging with new variables (dictionary, hash, ...)
Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2015 14:07:55 GMT
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Hi,
I just found that the following combination of F-keys works for my purpose:
F5 and then F7. This can be done from the command line as .step and .out.
Wayne: thanks for the tip.

I'm fine with this (two key strokes are for sure better than 90 and just a bit worse than 1), however, for consistency, it would be nice if these functions (hash, dictionary,...) would be implemented in the compiler in such a way that one cannot go into them (.step).

Thanks and sorry for bothering with what seems like a trivial issue, but has driven me mad (and eroded my F5 key down of ~1mm).

Cheers,
Helder

On Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 2:27:54 PM UTC+1, wlandsman wrote:

> On Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 5:28:50 PM UTC-5, Helder wrote:

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Subject: Re: debugging with new variables (dictionary, hash, ...)

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2015 15:45:47 GMT

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On Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:07:57 AM UTC-7, Helder wrote:

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>
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in the first place.
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On the plus side, notice that as of 8.4 you can now see line numbers from .sav files echoed to the console as you step through the code. This is not particularly helpful in this example, but if you were the keeper of the original .pro code for your own runtime application that you have distributed to others this is a positive development.
