Subject: IDL Bug: (Re: Read HDF format file)
Posted by Helge.Rebhan on Thu, 05 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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In article <MPG.f65bc901a73c503989733@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Sophie Fabre (sfabre@onecert.fr) writes:

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- >> What are the functions in IDL langage that will allow me to read this
- >> file ?

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Posted by mgs on Fri, 06 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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In article <Helge.Rebhan-0603981507580001@vrmc10.jw.estec.esa.nl>, Helge.Rebhan@REMOVE-THIS.gmx.net (Helge Rebhan) wrote:

- > In article <mgs-0503981912550001@sc17-16-22.thegrid.net>,
- > mgs@sd.cybernex.net (Mike Schienle) wrote:

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Subject: Re: IDL Bug: (Re: Read HDF format file)

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In article <richard.adams-1903981816150001@mac-baker.physiol.ox.ac.uk>, richard.adams@physiol.ox.ac.uk (Richard Adams) wrote:

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My only workaround is: Before accessing any HDF File I call the 'Set Working Path '

menu a set the path to my data directory. But: If you someone inbetween load a IDL .pro File from another disk the working folder is switched back to this location, so repeat the whole procedure before again accessing a HDF-File :-((

This is just one glimpse of my overall bad impression of the Mac portation of IDL.

More than 3 years I was hoping for major improvements from IDL 3.6 -> 5.0. But poor memory allocation, no direct printing and other things are still unsolved problems.

So we decided that it is not worthwhile to spent the money for future updates of IDL on the Mac. Nevertheless the bugs are not that severe and when you have 'wasted' your time to find the workarounds you can live with IDL on the Mac.

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