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Subject: Re: Problems reading HDF after 5.2 upgrade  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 28 Apr 1999 07:00:00 GMT  
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William Raphael Hix ([raph@phy.ornl.gov](mailto:raph@phy.ornl.gov)) writes:

> I am attempting to use hdf\_browser and hdf\_read to read in an HDF file  
> (HDF v4.1r2). Under 5.1 I could do this successfully. I was able to  
> save the template, and restore it at a later time thus reducing the need  
> to invoke the browser. A very nice trick.  
>  
> We recently upgraded to 5.2. When I tried to run my old procedure, I  
> get an error

According to RSI technical support the HDF browser in IDL 5.2  
is broken. See:

[http://www.dfanning.com/idl5\\_info/hdf\\_browser.html](http://www.dfanning.com/idl5_info/hdf_browser.html)

You might be able to catch on with the new Noesys beta  
program. This is a new HDF browser/interface that RSI  
is jointly marketing and developing with the folks at  
Fortner Software. VERY nice, from what I hear.

Cheers,

David

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[Note: This follow-up was e-mailed to the cited author.]

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I just got confirmation of this from RSI. They have it fixed in v5.2.1, which "will be out within the next couple of months".

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Thanks for the pointer. I'll look into Noesys, as I seem to be using HDF more and more, so nice tools are useful.

Fortunately in the short run, my sys admin does not believe that newer versions are always better so we have 5.1 installed in parallel for now. If not for this, I'd be severely hamstrung while they get 5.2.1 ready.

Raph

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