
Subject: error handling

Posted by [jabarone](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 1993 18:44:16 GMT

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Is there a way to do true error handling in IDL. I've read about the ON_ERROR and MESSAGE procedures in the manuals, but the information given isn't much help.

Given two procedures A and B. If A calls B and somewhere in the execution of B an error is triggered, is there a way to truly "handle" that error. ie. can procedure A regain control, recognize that an error has occurred in B, and do something to handle the error, without halting the entire program.

Please email replies.

Thanks,

John

jabarone@athena.mit.edu

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:24:56 GMT

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Posted by [bulrushmower](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:20:26 GMT

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Posted by [bulrushmower](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 04:40:11 GMT

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I tried whole afternoon, did not work.

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```

```
For i=0, numFiles do begin
```

```
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```
    IF Error_status NE 0 THEN BEGIN
```

```
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```

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files[K]
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    ;
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 04:59:30 GMT
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What didn't work about it?

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Posted by [Spon](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 12:40:41 GMT
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 13:38:22 GMT

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Subject: Re: error handling

Posted by [bulrushmower](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 15:02:08 GMT

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Well, I have *NO* idea what you are doing in the processing step, so I have no way of helping you. I can only presume that the error handling in your processing routines are such that the error returns to the CATCH. This can easily not be the case. (For example, your processing routines might not have any error handling in them at all!) Plus, the errors can be I/O errors, which are typically handled in a different way (with ON_IOERROR).

Lots of things can be going on here that I am depending on you to sort out. I was only answering the question in a general way. :-)

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Subject: Re: error handling
Posted by [bulrushmower](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 17:54:36 GMT
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On Nov 10, 11:23 am, Reimar Bauer <R.Ba...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

> bulrushmo...@gmail.com schrieb:

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Pro convert_test
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in_path = 'define the path here'
envi, /restore_base_save_files
envi_batch_init, BATCH_LUN=batch_unit, log_file = out_path +
modisdata.txt'
files = file_search(in_path, '*.HDF', count=count)
FOR i = 0, count-1 do begin
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files[K]
        CONTINUE
        Catch, /Cancel
    ENDIF
    modis_grid_file = files[i]
    variable = variable
    .....

    convert_modis_data, variable=variable,...

ENDFOR

end
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 18:12:02 GMT

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Posted by [bulrushmower](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 19:06:30 GMT

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Posted by [bulrushmower](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 19:42:01 GMT

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Indeed, I tried to process the data 125 each time. It works fine, no any error reported. Original processings was stopped at almost after processing 206 data. So, there is something the logical unit of the data. But, I could not figure out what is that.

thanks