
Subject: Re: more on opening IDL files in WIN-NT
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menakkis@my-dejanews.com wrote in message
<6nhca5\$g9d\$1@nnrp1.dejanews.com>...
> lbryan@arete-az.com (Lisa Bryan) wrote:
>> Just wanted the group to know we figured out the problem I was having
>> opening IDL files from Windows NT Explorer. When I double-click on a
>> *.pro file in Windows Explorer a new session of IDL comes up, and I
>> get an error message which says Windows NT can not find the file or a
>> component and that I need to check the path name and make sure all
>> required libraries are available. This was due to the fact that IDL
>> is installed in the directory C:\Program Files\RSI rather than C:\RSI
>> We have reinstalled IDL in C:\RSI, and opening files works fine....
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> ...
> I'll tell you how to hack things so that you will at least be able to get
> some action from double-clicking .pro file icons. It's not ideal because
> each file you open like this will incur a new IDL session. (Not to mention
> that RSI'll shake its collective head on account of the crudeness of this
> hack ;-)
>
> It involves editing the registry. Start regedit.exe (in the WinNT subdir).
> Go into the "HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT" tree. Find the key "IDLprogramFile" (quite
a
> long way down, past all the file-extension entries). Go into "shell" and
> then "open", then click on the "command" key. Its default value should
give
> the path to your idlde.exe. Edit this value by double-clicking on
> "(Default)" - append " %1" to it. (The value should now be something like:
> "c:\Program Files\rsi\idlde.exe %1".) Finally, delete the "ddeexec" key
> (below "command") altogether.

For file & directory names with spaces in them to be handled properly,
each name needs to be surrounded by quotes. Many installation
programs do not do this--this is probably the original cause
of the problem. Peter's command should be

"c:\Program Files\rsi\idlde.exe" "%1"

where the quotes are part of the string to be entered into the registry
value.

[Well, I tried posting this but my server refused because there is more
included text than new text. Yes, I knew that & it was deliberate. Anyway
we'll soon fix thatAA
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AAAAAAAAAren't computers stupid!]

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> Cheers

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