Subject: Re: more on opening IDL files in WIN-NT Posted by Mark Hadfield on Fri, 03 Jul 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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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 IDI in C:\RSI, and opening files works fine.... > > ... > 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 а > 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 --

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> Cheers

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