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Subject: RE: LOST SOURCE CODE

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fskmjm@puknet.puk.ac.za (MNR MJ MATHEWS) writes:

> I'm running IDL 3.1.2 under Windows 3.1.

> Sometimes when I compile, I get a GENERAL PROTECTION ERROR. This in itself

> wouldn't have been too bad, except that whenever that happens I lose the

> source code of the file I was compiling.

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> Is there some way of automatically making a backup before it compiles?

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Well known problem, or at least IDL knows about it. Don't use the IDL editor for file editing. We use NOT GNU Windows editor. The problem is when you have a file of 96 byte multiples (or at least I think it is 96). That file is history after you GPF.

Using a separate editor solves the problem as does IDL V3.5 according to RSI.

-Greg

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