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Subject: Re: How to create a Windows IDL app?  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 10 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT  
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Dave Greenwood (greenwoodde@ornl.gov) writes:

> I'm trying to create a Windows NT IDL application so that I double-  
> click an icon and fire up the application. I've been following  
> David Fanning's tips at [http://www.dfanning.com/tips/idl\\_icon.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/idl_icon.html)  
> but I'm obviously doing something wrong. I strongly suspect it's  
> because I haven't set up the appropriate file type association in  
> the Registry.  
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> What "action" should I use?  
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> And what "application"?  
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> This is IDL 5.3.1.

Using your Windows Explorer, find the Options selection under the View menu. Select the File Types tab. Now find (or create) the "IDL binary file" type. It will have a SAV extension. The action to assign is "open". You are going to open it with the IDL run-time version. Here is how the "Application used to perform action" is defined on my machine:

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"D:\RSI\IDL54\bin\bin.x86\idlrt.exe" "%1"
```

That should do it.

Cheers,

David

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