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Subject: Re: Associate file type with IDL procedure?

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Under windows (at least) you can create a stand-alone version of your program by saving it as a .sav file (see David's excellent web site: [http://www.dfanning.com/tips/idl\\_icon.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/idl_icon.html)) although I don't think this will help you much passing the filename into the code.

I'd like to think there was a better way, but you could associate the file extension (.b00) with a DOS-script (or perl script or whatever you like to use). Have the script create a tiny IDL batch file with the clicked-filename written in it, e.g.

```
custard_load, "run_me.b00"
```

save this batch file to the disc (as startup\_batch.pro, say), and then have the script open IDL with the command line option for a startup file:

```
idlde -startupfile "C:\startup_batch.pro"
```

Not very elegant mind, but it might do the trick.

Justin

osmith@dera.gov.uk (Oliver Smith) wrote in <8vjhke\$In8\$1@trog.dera.gov.uk>:

> It would be really useful to be able to associate the data  
> file extension (eg .b00) with my program. Double clicking the file in  
> explorer would launch IDL and compile, then run, the main procedure  
> (custard.pro), with a command line variable containing the data filename.  
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