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Subject: Re: Reading in files w/ Wordpad associations under NT  
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I have read files associated with Excel, Word, BBedit, Igor, SimpleText and unknown into IDL. I have never had a problem with not being able to read a file as long as its complete path and name are provided to the file reading procedure. Can you give a short code example that fails?

Cheers,  
Pavel

Dale Brewe wrote:

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> I have a problem reading in ascii files under NT that have become associated  
> w/ Wordpad or Notepad. For example, I have a data file named file.0001 that  
> has become associated w/ Wordpad when someone opened the file to look at it w/  
> Wordpad. Now, if I try to read ".0001" files w/ READ\_ASCII in IDL, it fails  
> for some reason. I assume I could unassociate this file extension from Wordpad  
> somehow, but another user will most likely reassociate it again, so I would  
> like to know if someone knows of a permanent solution that will allow me to  
> get IDL to read in this file extension even w/ the association. Note that the  
> code is in fact working for similar files that aren't associated w/ Wordpad or  
> Notepad (i.e. file.0002, file.0003, etc)!  
> Thanks  
> Dale Brewe

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