
Subject: Installing IDL 5.3 under Windows
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I am often installing IDL on our Windows machines, because they are being re-installed all the time. Sometimes it just works, sometimes I have problems to change preferences as a normal user. I get the message 'Preferences are currently being shared and you do not have rights to change them. If you need to blah blah, contact your sysadmin bla blah, or give "Set value" access to the registry key: "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/Software/Research Systems, Inc." and all its subkeys.'

Well, I don't know how to do this, I can find it in regedit.exe, but no idea how to give set value access. And I wonder why I have to do this sometimes, and why it works the other day.

Am I the only one facing this problem?

Additionally, I currently get the messages "Access denied" and "Configuration file is corrupted" twice directly after IDL is installed. I also had this before, but it did not seem to matter, and was gone after I re-installed IDL again.

There are rumors that it helps to install it to C:\RSI instead of C:\Program Files\RSI, or that you should not install it being logged in as administrator, but via shift-right-mouse-button and 'Execute as...', but I tried that and it does not seem to matter.

Going home now after four unsuccessful installs,

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