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Subject: Re: Installing IDL 5.3 under Windows

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In general, you should install software as an administrator on NT based systems. It is also good practice to run the program once as admin but I'm sure there are packages where this isn't the rule. I don't know about 5.3, but I seem to remember IDL asking me if I want to share preferences between users. Can you just say "No" to this question?

- > If ypu 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.'

To set the permissions on reg keys you need to log in as admin and run "regedt32.exe" (note the missing "i"). Find the key you need to change, and then select "Permissions..." from the "Security" menu. You then set permissions as you would for files or shares. At least on win2k...

- > 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.

I think these are just rumors. I have always installed in C:\Program Files\ and haven't seen these problems.

If you are re-installing so much, maybe you should create a golden copy of your installs and use that to restore them in the future?

-Rick

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