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Subject: Re: Can't associate IDL with .pro files on Windows XP

Posted by [Marc Reinig](#) on Sat, 25 Feb 2006 17:36:35 GMT

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When you uninstalled the previous versions, probably one of them removed the link between .PRO and IDLDE.EXE, unaware that a newer version had been installed, thus breaking the link. A problem with the uninstall script probably. Perhaps it should have queried you about whether you wanted to remove the link.

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"Jared Espley" <jespley@gmail.com> wrote in message

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> Thanks for the input. However, that's more or less what I was trying  
> already. The problem is that when I browse for idlde.exe and click on  
> it, it doesn't show up on the list of possible applications to open  
> things up. I'd think this was a problem with Windows but yet when I  
> try, for example, starcraft.exe, starcraft shows up in the list, I  
> click ok, and windows tries to open .pro files with starcraft from then  
> on. Thus it seems to be a problem with the way IDLDE is registered  
> with Windows. I'm quite baffled honestly.  
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> Update: Well after writing the previous paragraph I thought I better  
> triple check that I wasn't doing anything completely stupid. This time  
> around I noticed an "advanced" button once I had selected .pro from the  
> list of recognized file extensions. I clicked on it, clicked on the  
> new action button, typed the word "open" and browsed for the idlde.exe,  
> selected it as the executing program, and clicked ok. Viola.  
> Everything worked as it should. I'm still baffled but my problem is  
> solved. Sorry this turned out to be probably off topic since it seems  
> to be mainly a Windows problem. Nonetheless, something was causing IDL  
> to be treated differently.  
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