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

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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.

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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