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

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Open "Explorer"
Go to "Tools"
Select "Folder Options"
Select "File Types"
scroll down until you find "PRO"

if you find it, click "change"
Now click "select program from list" and "OK"
Select "Browse" and find IDLDE.exe, click "OK"
Select "Always use the selected program ..." and click "OK"

If you don't find it click "New" and enter PRO and click apply
Now select "PRO", click "change" etc.

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"Jared Espley" <jespley@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:1140825969.976369.146810@e56g2000cwe.googlegroups.com.. .

> Hi,
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> I'm having trouble getting Windows to recognize IDL as a program to
> open .pro files. I've tried both a general google search and searching
> this group for help and had no luck. Maybe someone here will point out
> what my mistake is; surely it's something obvious I'm overlooking.
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> I had IDL 5.5 and IDL 6.1 on my Windows XP machine. I was using 6.1
> but hadn't ever bothered to get rid of 5.5. I just installed 6.2 on
> the same machine and decided to go ahead and uninstall 5.5 using the
> Windows uninstall interface.
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> When I did so, my .pro files were not recognized by Windows as being
> opened by IDL any longer. When I click on them, Windows does its usual
> thing and asks what program would I like to open them with. I choose
> to find the program myself (as if I had right clicked and said open
> with). I then get the usual list of possible programs. IDL is not
> listed but when I select browse I go to
> c:/rsi/idl62/bin/bin.x386/idlde.exe. I click open which closes the
> browse window and returns me to the window for selecting the program
> but yet IDLDE is not added to the possible list.

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> Just to test things, I tried selecting something random not found in
> the possible list as the opening application. I selected my sshd.exe
> application through the same process and it showed up in the possible
> list and in fact Windows dutifully tried to open the .pro file with it
> (failing of course).
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> When I run IDLDE I can of course manually open .pro files just fine.
> It's just that it'd be nice to have clicking on the .pro file
> automatically open idlde as it did this morning and many years
> previously.
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> Any thoughts?
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