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Subject: Re: XSTRETCH and Library Lessons

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 25 Apr 2006 13:40:51 GMT

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Karsten Rodenacker writes:

- > That is a bit exaggerated, the 'extremely competent IDL programmer' used
- > after some initial problems 'Routine Shadows' from IDLWave! I would say
- > the problem was again and again Windows in combination with the IDL
- > Project. Both hide unclear programming and link/search path concerns.

Humm, it could have been 10 days instead of two weeks, I guess,  
but it was longer than it should have been. :-)

I agree that projects might be intimately involved in the difficulties here. I think the real problem is that it is impossible to reconcile both a project approach and a PATH approach to resolving program names. If you had (strictly) one or the other life would be easier to understand. The hodgepodge we have now in the IDLDE is difficult and getting worse, not better. (In the version I've been using lately I can't even tell which directory I am saving files into!! Directories seem to change underneath me!)

Cheers,

David

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