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Subject: Annoying Windows Selection Problem Resolved  
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Folks,

With the help of RSI E-mail Support (sic), I finally resolved a long-standing annoyance. For well over a year now, every time I click on an IDL \*.pro file, without IDL currently open, it starts up an IDL 6.0 session, instead of the expected IDL 6.3 session.

I opened a Windows Explorer window, went to the File Types tab, found the \*.pro extension and pointed to the IDL 6.3 version I wanted, but all to no avail. It STILL opened IDL 6.0.

But I noticed that the \*.pro extension differed from the \*.prj extension (for an IDL project). If I selected the \*.prj extension, I got an ADVANCED button, and I could delete the extension, if I wanted to. If I selected the \*.pro extension, the ADVANCED button changed to a RESTORE button and the DELETE button was grayed out. Say what!?

Like any good experimental programmer, I decided to hit the RESTORE button. And walla! Problem solved. I don't know what in the hell I "restored," but whatever it was caused my Windows machine to know which application I want to open when I click a \*.pro file. Hooray!

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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