On Dec 21, 12:05 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
> David Fanning writes:
>> I have another nit with IDL 7 this morning, now that
>> I am writing code again. :-)
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>> How come when I open DIALOG_PICKFILE() it always
>> starts in the david folder in Documents and Settings?
>> I'm old school, and don't use the Documents and Settings
>> folder, and my IDL installation and files are all a LONG
>> way from there.
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>> How do I make the Workshop know to look someplace a
>> little closer to home?
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> This is really beginning to annoy me. :-(
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> OK, I could understand if it comes up somewhere near
> my default IDL Workspace. But why in Documents and
> Settings, which is nowhere near my IDL Workspace?
> I looked for a setting in the Registry that would set
> this, but no luck. Surely this is a configurable option.
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> P.S. I did do the change directories on open thing, but
> having a random location is almost worse than have a
> certain (but lousy) location. :-(
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

David,

have you tried changing the current directory using the CD procedure?
I've no access to v7.0 today, so I can't test this, but this seems to
control where dialog_pickfile() opens if the PATH keyword is not set
on IDL6.5

Maybe run a little procedure when you open IDL that includes something

like:
Path=STRSPLIT(!PATH,';',/EXTR)
NP=N_ELEMENTS(Path)
CD, Path[NP-1]
CD, Cur=Cur & PRINT, Cur ; If you want to double-check it's worked

(this happens to be the most useful path for me, I guess you could
just definite it manually either)

Not sure how you'd work around having to run this procedure every time
you fired up IDL though :-(
There's probably a more elegant way of doing this...

Alternatively, you could figure out how to change the
IDL_WDE_START_DIR preference (if you're using Windows), but I don't
know where it resides in the v7 preferences.

Hope this helps some,
Chris