
Subject: Re: Automatic Debug Persepective
Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Tue, 08 Jan 2008 17:53:29 GMT
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Three words, David. wei wu wei. That, and maybe some hot tea and quiet time with the dog. If you have some incense and a gong that might help. Anything to get you back on the path...

You need to rewrite you path using the short 8.3 path notation which involves the tilde and numbers business. I'm sure there's a great description somewhere and I apologize that I don't have the time to give my own but the gist is that you can use "dir /x" to show the short format for files and folders to construct the path. In your case:

"C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL70\idlde\idlde.exe"

becomes:

C:\Progra~1\ITT\IDL70\idlde\idlde.exe

You should be able to tack "-clean" on the latter and go.

-Rick

P.S. The caption for your image on your homepage is quite funny in light of these past weeks posts.

David Fanning wrote:

> Doug Edmundson writes:

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>> Sorry about that! To specify options on Windows, like -clean or -nl for
>> the locale, modify the IDL Workbench shortcut. Just tack on "-clean" to
>> the target (but be sure to remove it later). If anyone has question on
>> how to do this on other platforms, let me know.

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> Well, now this is interesting. Adding this to the shortcut
> on my problem machine is what I tried first before. But if
> I right-click the shortcut and choose "properties" the target
> is listed like this:

>

> "C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL70\idlde\idlde.exe"

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> It HAS the quotes. If I try to stick -clean in after the .exe
> and before the last quote:
>
> "C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL70\idlde\idlde.exe -clean"
>
> I get a "Problem with Shortcut" error and I am told the
> name in the target box is not valid. I can't do this.
>
> However, if I go to my other machine, the target is similar,
> but it does not have quotes around it:
>
> G:\Programs\ITT\IDL70\idlde\idlde.exe
>
> and I can *easily* add the -clean to this target.
>
> Humm. This cannot possibly be a problem with spaces in file
> names, could it? That would be too, too weird. :-(
>
> Awaiting further instructions... :-)
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
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