David Fanning wrote:

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>> I've fished through the registry and removed any and all
>> keys referring to IDL 6.0 through 6.3. Now when I click on
>> a *.pro file the computer just looks at me with a sullen
>> expression on its face. I guess that's progress. At least
>> I'm used to it, with teenagers in the house.
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> Well, I've taken everything off my computer, except for
> my installation of IDL 6.4 and IDL 7.0. Then, I removed
> my IDL 7.0 installation and reinstalled it. Now nothing
> whatsoever happens when I click on a *.pro file. If I
> right click and choose open "Open with IDL", still nothing.
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> If I right click and choose "Open With...", I get a list, one
> of which is "IDL File Open Helper". If I choose this then
> IDL 7 will start up, and the file will be loaded.
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> Does this all seem a little strange to you? Even for Microsoft?

No, I'd say it's par for the course.

Microsoft go out of their way to make life "easier" for the user by hiding all
the configuration from the user. This is really nice when everything works, but
when it doesn't you have no idea where the information you need has been
hidden. Documenting where it's hidden would only confuse the user, so Microsoft
don't do that.

Unfortunately, Linux is rapidly moving in the same direction. Progress...

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