
Subject: Computer Has Sense of Humor

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Folks,

My computer is either playing a cruel joke on me, or it has an incredible sense of humor. Here is the situation.

Normally, when I click on a file ending in a .pro extension, my Windows machine knows that I want to run an IDL program and fires up the latest version of IDL. Perfect!

But, today, it suddenly stopped doing that. Today, when I click on a *.pro file, it wants to put the IDL 6.0 installation CD into the drive because it "needs something" that can only be found there, I guess.

I've done the usual things. I've made sure the file association is associated with the IDL 7.0 idlde with the File Manager, I've run Registry Mechanic to fix any registry problems, I've put my IDL 7.0 CD in and "repaired" my IDL installation. I've even restarted my computer. Now, all *.pro files use the IDL 7.0 icon (that is, they *look* like IDL 7 files), but when I click on them they *still* want me to install IDL 6.0.

I haven't had IDL 6.0 on my machine for 4-5 years, at least. (I know this, because I've been complaining about IDL 7 for at least that long. Anyway, it seems like I have.)

Any ideas? I did install an evaluation copy of ENVI, along with IDL 6.4, but I removed that in the Microsoft approved way before I started all the other rigamarole.

I *could* get the ol' IDL 6.0 CD out of the closet, or wherever the hell it is, I suppose. But I hate to give in to machinery. It would be nice to know why it is picking on me.

Cheers,

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