
Subject: Re: Path Problems Redux

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 01 Apr 2008 17:13:37 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> C.E. Ordonez writes:

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>> It turns out that when I installed 7.0 over an existing 6.4, the

>> installation "remembered" the name of the old startup file via a system

>> variable (IDL_STARTUP) inside a file named

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>> C:\Users\Ordonez\.idl\itt\pref-10-idl_7_0-windows\idl.pref

>

> Oh, my Gosh, that's it! That's where it was! You don't know

> how many hours of therapy you saved me from.

In my experience, when things are as weird as you experienced, it's usually a setting in some as-yet-unknown preference file. But, the location and name above is just waaaay too arcane to be taken seriously.

So what it is in the *nix version? Maybe all hidden files?

~/.idl/.itt/.pref-10-idl_7_0/.idl.pref

?

(Is this the 10'th incarnation of the v7.0 preferences?)

I mean, why should windows users have all the maddening, tear-your-hair-out-by-the-roots fun? :o)

BTW, aren't the Design folks in the Marketing dept supposed to make the 'orrible prototype interfaces more user-friendly?

> Well, shoot, I just blew my old IDL workspace completely away.

> Back to square one, I guess. Always good to get another chance

> at doing it right. :-(

If by doing it right you mean not using the Workbench then, based on the last few months of posts about it in this newsgroup, I think you might be correct. ;o)

FWIW, I've had IDL 7.0 installed for a month or more now and, sans Workbench, I'm still as productive as I was using 6.4. :o)

cheers,

paulv

p.s. Just so we're jake, I want to stress my smiley's above are not laughing *at* you;
we're laughing *with* you. Maniacally.
