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Subject: Re: Path Problems Redux

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David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,  
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> I have NO startup file defined for my Workbench. I have  
> turned off the Update Path Preference option for my  
> projects, and they are \*still\* showing up on my path!!  
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I encountered a similar situation just last week when I started moving my projects to the Workbench. My workbench does not have a startup file. (In fact, I couldn't find where or how one could define it in the workbench properties.) However, every time I started IDL, there were "Compiled" messages that I knew were related to the startup file I was using before I started using the Workbench.

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

C:\Users\Ordonez\idl\litt\pref-10-idl\_7\_0-windows\idl.pref

I think this was part of the "pref\_migrate" that I thought blew by too quickly when I installed 7.0. Commenting out the appropriate line (one that starts with IDL\_STARTUP) solved the problem. According to the pref\_migrate documentation, it isn't run automatically when IDL 7.0 is run for the first time. But I definitely don't remember manually running it at all.

Hope this helps.

-Caesar

P.S. I haven't had time to check this out in Linux.

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