
Subject: Re: IDL for Windows

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David R. Klassen <drk@uwyo.edu> wrote in article
<32A741AC.2EDC@uwyo.edu>...

> I was wondering if anyone has experienced any strangeness using IDL
> for Windows along the lines of long filenames.

Yep. IDL for Windows doesn't officially support long filenames. Appalling
but true.

> [Re .PRO files]

Bill Thompson wrote a CONCAT4DOS routine that concatenates & renames .PRO
files to fit in the 8.3 limitation. I have a modified version that runs
under WinNT (& probably Win95). Contact me if you want a copy.

> Also I've noticed that I cannot OPENW a file that doesn't have an
> 8.3 form. The only way to do it is to assign the filename I want to
> use to a string variable and then OPENW using the variable as the
> file name parameter. Although this is not a critical flaw, it *is*
> annoying.

I didn't know about that workaround. I have found adding a space to the end
of file names does the trick.

> Does anyone know of any patches/updates to 4.0.1 for WinNT/Win95 that
> will give IDL the full long filename capability?

One hopes it will be fixed in version 5.
