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Subject: Re: IDLDE quitting on startup

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mwbaca@comcast.net writes:

> I had multiple versions of IDL/ENVI (6.4, 7.0, 7.1) on my laptop and  
> recently planned to install the latest version and decided to  
> uninstall 6.4 rather than have 4 versions of one program on my  
> computer. Since uninstalling this version (oldest on my computer) I  
> cannot run IDLDE (development environment). If I start the program, in  
> appears to be starting correctly except that it quits immediately.

Ouch! I'd go back to your nightly back-up and see if you  
can recover, if not everything, then certainly that  
license file!

I don't have much advice, except that if you ever  
get back to where you started, delete the bloated  
IDL 7.0 version and keep the IDL 6.4. You will need  
the help files occasionally. Not to mention running  
IDL 6.4 every once in a while will lead to intense  
feeling of pleasure and well-being. A completely  
different feeling from running the latest versions! :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. When is the last time you wiped your hard drive  
clean and did a fresh install of everything? It's a  
long weekend and you probably don't have anything else  
to do. (I mean, you are fooling around with IDL,  
aren't you!) Coyote recommends this procedure at  
least once a year to keep your machine healthy and he  
always seems to find a way to make sure I do it. ;-)

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

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