
Subject: Re: Problems with IDL 8.1: the Development Enviroment is not starting
Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 19 Apr 2012 15:56:54 GMT

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On Thursday, April 19, 2012 5:36:35 PM UTC+2, David Fanning wrote:

> Helder writes:

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>> I would try that, but unfortunately I can't access the properties tab... Is this parameter to be found in a (accessible) file?

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> The preferences are stored in the "idl.pref" file in

> your APP_USER_DIR, wherever the hell that is! The

> preference you are looking for is IDL_GR_WIN_RENDERER.

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> (My APP_USER_DIR appears to be something like /Users/David/.idl)

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> Perhaps you can start IDL up in command line mode (rather than

> use the Workbench) and set this preference with PREF_SET.

> Then switch back to Workbench mode.

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> PREF_SET 'IDL_GR_WIN_RENDERER', 1, /COMMIT

Thanks David,

it was worth a try. I did set this preference in the command line. There was no visible improvement. I also checked afterwards with pref_get that I did indeed set this variable to 1.

Cheers,
Helder
