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Subject: Re: Problems with IDL 8.1: the Development Enviroment is not starting  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 19 Apr 2012 15:36:35 GMT

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Helder writes:

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

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.

(My APP\_USER\_DIR appears to be something like /Users/David/.idl)

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
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Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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

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