Balthasar Indermuehle writes:

> Is your installation perhaps starting in 32bit and/or compatibility mode? Right click on the icon,
properties, to investigate. It looks to me like it's confused about whether to run in 32 or 64bit
mode.
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> Then of course there's the "have you tried turning it on and off" category suggestion: Are you
running any virus scanners, if so, disable them (also for the install). And finally the suggestion to
verify file permissions on all files, make sure they're owned by you.
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> Are there perhaps files left over from an IDL 8.x install (sorry for suggesting that but that might
cause issues)?

All good suggestions, but recall that IDL 7.1.2 had
been on my computer for a LONG time. And, it was
existing comfortably with IDL 8.2 as recently as
a week ago, when I taught a class, switching back
and forth from one to the other.

It was only after I installed the IDL 8.2.1 update
and played with that for a couple of days that I found
I couldn't return to IDL 7. I don't see how IDL 8.2.1
could be involved. IDL 7 is installed in an ITT folder,
while IDL 8.2.1 is installed in an Exelis folder. Plus,
they use Workspace folders that are in different locations.
Their only connection was adding the same permanent
directories (coyote and catalyst) as projects.

I suspect a Windows update now. I thought I had installed
all the updates on my newly-configured office computer,
but I have basically been doing updates all day long.
(Apparently Windows updates have to be done in sequence.)
If I eventually get to the point that IDL 7.1.2 no longer
works on my office computer, we might be getting somewhere!

Virus scanners could be a place to look. While I have
been reinstalling software, I've been updating as I go.
I do have an older version of AVG on my laptop. I'll have
a look at this.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")