
Subject: Re: IDL 8.2.1 released

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Sun, 14 Oct 2012 00:17:38 GMT

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On Thursday, October 4, 2012 6:05:52 PM UTC-6, David Fanning wrote:

> Mark Piper writes:

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>> Here's a updated version of colortable.pro:

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>> `ftp://download.exelisvis.com/groups/esg/dropoff/colortable.p ro`

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>> You can drop this into the lib/graphics directory of your IDL distribution.

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> Well, here's the problem. On Windows 7 computers, I

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> can't write into those directories, because I don't

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> own them, even though I am nominally the "administrator"

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> of my machine. (This is an honorary title Windows bestows

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> on chumps who believe they know how to manage a computer.)

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> I'll have to investigate how to change the file permissions,

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> but I believe it involves giving up claim to your first-born

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> son. :-(

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> I can, of course, save the file in a local directory

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> and make sure that directory is found before the IDL

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> lib directory is found. But, you and I both know

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> well enough that solutions that require users

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> to understand their IDL path are not exactly

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> what most people refer to as "robust"! ;-)
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> Thanks for this!
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> David Fanning, Ph.D.
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")

If you've downloaded the file with, say, a browser that you didn't start with Admin privileges it's simple to copy the file using a Windows Explorer instance that you've started with Admin privileges.

In the most general case, go to Start/All Programs/Accessories. Right-click on the Windows Explorer icon and select "Run as administrator". You should be able to copy the downloaded file into the protected directory.

Depending on how you access the FTP site (for example through Firefox or IE), you would start up that application with admin privileges instead and you'd have write access directly.

There may be instances when you'll want to start IDL or ENVI using the same technique on Win7.

I've found this feature of Win7 to be quite useful, simple to use, and not overly egregious.
