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Subject: Re: Yikes! IDL Crash-Projects Gone

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 21:16:09 GMT

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On Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:02:21 AM UTC-6, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,  
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> Yikes! I crashed IDL so hard just a moment ago doing some object  
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> programming, I had to reboot my computer. Now, when I open IDL up all my  
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> projects are gone, etc. What the hell just happened!?  
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> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
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> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.  
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Hi David,

I can't explain why, but when the workbench crashes, it sometimes leaves corrupted workspace directory contents that aren't parsed correctly the next time around.

A work-around is to restore a known set of working files.

If you're running Windows 7, can you navigate in Windows Explorer to your C:\Users\coyote\IDLWorkspace83 folder, right click and select "Restore previous versions", then pull up a backup copy?

Any chance the workbench disappeared when you tried to use the File/Save dialog? I'm looking for other victims of that behavior so people in the building will stop calling me crazy. For that reason, anyway.

Jim P.

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