Subject: Re: Yikes! IDL Crash-Projects Gone Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 21:39:34 GMT

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## Jim P writes:

- >> Yikes! I crashed IDL so hard just a moment ago doing some object
- >> programming, I had to reboot my computer. Now, when I open IDL up >
- >> all my projects are gone, etc. What the hell just happened!?

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> 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.

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

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> If you're running Windows 7, can you navigate in Windows Explorer to your C:\Users\"coyote"\IDLWokspace83 folder, right click and select "Restore previous versions", then pull up a backup copy?

Why, yes, I certainly can! That's a good trick! Thanks. :-)

> 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.

Well, I was doing something pretty stupid, I guess, and had gotten myself into some kind of infinite loop. I guess you know you're getting old when you can't even figure out how your own damn programs work. :-(

As long as we are talking tricks. Sometimes I want to have more than one workspace. For example, I'd like to have a teaching workspace. But, I don't want to go to all the trouble of setting it up from scratch. Is there a way to tell IDL "I want you to copy my current workspace setup and install it over there", where I can then modify it to my liking?

Thanks, again. Very helpful.

Cheers,

David

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