
Subject: Re: Yikes! IDL Crash-Projects Gone
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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\IDLWorkspace83 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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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
