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Subject: Re: IDL 5.0 observations

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And some more observations. During installation on NT, IDL redefines what double clicking on a .pro file does. It now fires up IDL and opens a edit window - fine enough. You cannot print a text hard copy of the .pro file from within IDL though! Furthermore, I had added to the list of things you can do to a file when you right click on its filename to include a print option (via notepad.exe), but V5 install deleted this addition - easy enough to fix (but should I have had to?).

Early "leaks" or announcements of IDL V5 included a statement to the effect that there would be "multithreading" (at least of some sort) which would allow continuous access to the command line while other IDL "things" were happening. Well this is not true, When IDL is busy it is busy period - no response to the command line - can't even type to it.

Widgets seem to have changed thier ordering or justification. When I can get them to realize in a meaningful way, they now justify from right to left rather than left to right as they had done under version 4.0.

As I hack away at my formerly working code to get it to run under V5 I will undobtedly come across other "new features" and will report them here. I encourage others to share what they find and the associated fixes - if any.

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