
Subject: Re: IDL 8.0 onwards: can I always use the same workspace?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 28 May 2015 10:34:13 GMT

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Mari Liza writes:

> Do you mean to tell me that you are able to simultaneously load two, three, four different IDL 8.0 onwards in WINDOWS and not have IDL ask you for a new workspace each time?

No, I never run two, three, or four different IDL sessions simultaneously. I run one IDL session continuously for weeks and weeks at a time. :-)

I've never run more than one IDL session. Nor, with the possible exception of wanting to do something on the IDL_Bridge (which I have never used in any real way), can I think of any reason why I would want to run simultaneous IDL sessions. It has just never come up for me as something I needed to do.

> PLEASE tell me how to set this up, I have tried everything, unclicked all sorts of "refresh workspace at start-up", "prompt for workspace at start-up", I have asked IDL to keep in memory 30 different workspaces, but nothing works. If IDL is running once, then from the second instance onwards it asks for a new workspace.

I just installed IDL. That's it. I didn't "do" anything to set it up. That's just how it has always worked from the get-go.

> This includes running save files simultaneously.

Yeah, I never use save files, either. I find them confounding. In the many years I've worked with IDL, I've found that people who use save files are among the most confused of IDL's users. Except for saving data, I'm not clear what (if any) their advantages are.

Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
