Subject: Reading in files w/ Wordpad associations under NT Posted by brewe on Thu, 25 Jan 2001 17:29:45 GMT

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I have a problem reading in ascii files under NT that have become associated w/ Wordpad or Notepad. For example, I have a data file named file.0001 that has become associated w/ Wordpad when someone opened the file to look at it w/ Wordpad. Now, if I try to read ".0001" files w/ READ\_ASCII in IDL, it fails for some reason. I assume I could unassociate this file extension from Wordpad somehow, but another user will most likely reassociate it again, so I would like to know if someone knows of a permanent solution that will allow me to get IDL to read in this file extension even w/ the association. Note that the code is in fact working for similar files that aren't associated w/ Wordpad or Notepad (i.e. file.0002, file.0003, etc)!

Thanks
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