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Subject: IDL 7.0: what are projects and workspaces for?

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Now that IDL 7.0 has been released and installed on my PC, I'd like some discussion of a question that's been bugging me since I first tried out the previews: what can a curmudgeon like me actually use all this project & workspace stuff for?

I never did come to terms with IDL projects, on the theory that if I ignored them they might go away. (And they did!) I have all the IDL code I've written in the last 14 years organised (using the word loosely) in a single directory tree that contains 7196 files totalling 60.1 MB in 203 subdirectories, nested a few deep. There is a sort of a pattern to these subdirectories: some of them are specific to a particular work project, some are routines for general consumption. The routines are pretty promiscuous about calling each other, so pulling out a specific routine and resolving all its dependencies is not easy (and why should it be, as I never do it?).

I now have a directory called IDLWorkspace/Default with just one file in it called .project. I have my existing directory tree elsewhere and I have modified my !PATH to point to it. What should I do now? Ignore the new projects and workspaces and hope they go away?

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