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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 22:21:17 GMT
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2008 22:47:57 GMT
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 03:02:04 GMT
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P.S. OK, I found a "Folder Options" thingamajig in the Control Panel folder. Associating the *.PRO file there with the "IDL File Open Helper" allows me to click on a *.pro file and get the IDL 7 Workbench to open. Sheesh, what a waste of a day...

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Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 09:25:10 GMT
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No, I'd say it's par for the course.

Microsoft go out of their way to make life "easier" for the user by hiding all the configuration from the user. This is really nice when everything works, but when it doesn't you have no idea where the information you need has been hidden. Documenting where it's hidden would only confuse the user, so Microsoft don't do that.

Unfortunately, Linux is rapidly moving in the same direction. Progress...

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Subject: Re: Computer Has Sense of Humor
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 12 Mar 2008 11:36:47 GMT
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For me yes but I don't think for Microsoft

Reimar
