
Subject: IDL Windows Question

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2011 18:07:04 GMT

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Folks,

This isn't an IDL question per se, I don't think, but it happens when I am using IDL.

Suppose I have a PNG file named "test.png" in a directory. Suppose I created the file last week, which is reflected in the time stamp of the file.

If I run the program that creates this program today, the PNG file gets created OK, but the time stamp does NOT get updated. Even if I "refresh" the File Explorer window, it retains the date from last week. If I delete the file first, then the file is created with the proper time stamp.

This is Windows 7 with all updates running IDL 7.1. Any ideas about this?

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: IDL Windows Question

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 02 Aug 2011 19:53:51 GMT

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Scott E writes:

> "The semantics of creation times is the source of some controversy."
> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MAC_times#Change_time_and_creation_time_.28time.29

I am beginning to understand why I am confused.

I am using a single File Browser in Windows 7 with the file view being set to "Details". If I browse to a

directory containing, say, *.pro files, then my browser interface has a column labeled "Date Modified" and the dates reflect when I last opened and made a change to the file.

If I now browse to a directory containing, say, only *.png files, then the browser interface no longer has a column labeled "Date Modified", but instead has a column labeled "Date". This date is no longer the date the file was modified, but is clearly the date when the file was originally created.

I realize this is Windows. But this is weird behavior even for Windows! :-)

Cheers,

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