
Subject: Yikes! IDL Crash-Projects Gone

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 17:02:21 GMT

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David

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Subject: Re: Yikes! IDL Crash-Projects Gone

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 21:16:09 GMT

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Hi David,

I can't explain why, but when the workbench crashes, it sometimes leaves corrupted workspace directory contents that aren't parsed correctly the next time around.

A work-around is to restore a known set of working files.

If you're running Windows 7, can you navigate in Windows Explorer to your C:\Users\coyote\IDLWokspace83 folder, right click and select "Restore previous versions", then pull up a backup copy?

Any chance the workbench disappeared when you tried to use the File/Save dialog? I'm looking for other victims of that behavior so people in the building will stop calling me crazy. For that reason, anyway.

Jim P.

Subject: Re: Yikes! IDL Crash-Projects Gone
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 21:39:34 GMT
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Jim P writes:

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Why, yes, I certainly can! That's a good trick! Thanks. :-)

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that reason, anyway.

Well, I was doing something pretty stupid, I guess, and had gotten
myself into some kind of infinite loop. I guess you know you're getting
old when you can't even figure out how your own damn programs work. :-)

As long as we are talking tricks. Sometimes I want to have more than one workspace. For example, I'd like to have a teaching workspace. But, I don't want to go to all the trouble of setting it up from scratch. Is there a way to tell IDL "I want you to copy my current workspace setup and install it over there", where I can then modify it to my liking?

Thanks, again. Very helpful.

Cheers,

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Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Tue, 11 Mar 2014 23:52:49 GMT

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How about just copying your C:\Users\"coyote"\IDLWokspace83 to C:\Users\"coyote"\IDLWokspace83_MoBettah, then selecting that workspace at startup while the first is already open? I don't know of a quick way to change the default other than through the prompt when one is locked. I'll bet there are Eclipse tricks for this. Maybe something is editable in C:\Users\"coyote"\.idl\idlworkbench-config-idl8.3.0_x86_64\settings?

Jim P.
