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Subject: Re: Inconsistent behavior in setting default directory

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 27 Aug 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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Joe (Post.Reply@This.News.Group) writes:

>> This is now a configurable behavior from within the preferences  
>> under the General/Files tab. You can change to the directory  
>> in which the file you are opening resides or not. I prefer to  
>> open a file, but stay in my working directory, so this is how  
>> I have mine set up.

> But it is inconsistent! It changes directory if I open the file  
> from within IDL (which is already running), however, if I open  
> the file and also start IDL by double clicking on a .pro file in  
> an explorer window it does NOT change directories (as it used  
> to under 5.0). I do understand that some will like it one way  
> and not the other and I appreciate the ability to configure it as  
> a preference. I just want it to do the same thing which ever way  
> I choose to open a file.

Well, you are right there. It does act inconsistently.  
It is probably just an oversight. I'd let RSI know about  
it. I imagine it is something that is easily changed.

By the way, have you checked out Paul Sorenson's great  
little program XCD? This one program has saved me \*hours\*  
of time trying to figure out what directory I am in and  
where I want to go. You can find it here:

<http://www.dfanning.com/documents/programs.html#XCD>

This is the most useful utility program in my library. :-)

Cheers,

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