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Subject: Inconsistent behavior in setting default directory

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

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>> New topic: Why does IDL v 5.1 no longer CD to the source directory

>> of a .pro file when I double click on it from the explorer, but does if

>> I use the IDL:file:open menu to open it? If this is an intentional shift

>> in operating standards - I do not like it. I lose track of my

postscript

>> file output now (ends up in the the IDL Source tree root directory).

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> Some say toe-mah-toe, some say toe-may-toe.

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> 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.

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> Cheers,

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> David

Dave,

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 whichever way I choose to open a file.

JMZ

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