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The "non-breaking" release RAD2007 has the nasty habit to break an existing BDS2006 installation because packages - including those used by the IDE - have the same names, and usually the RAD 2007 path comes before the BDS2006 path - and thereby BDS2006 attempts to load the wrong packages.

A workaround is to use [DLL redirection \(http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms682600.aspx\)](http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms682600.aspx), a feature of the Windows loader that allows to load DLLs from the application path first, ignoring the path.

Just add a bds.exe.local file in the BIN directory - it can simply be an empty text file renamed - and BDS2006 will load the BPLs from its own directory.

Codegear could have used [isolated applications and side by side assemblies \(http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa375193.aspx\)](http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa375193.aspx) too, which is a more sophisticated technique to run different DLLs with the same name.

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