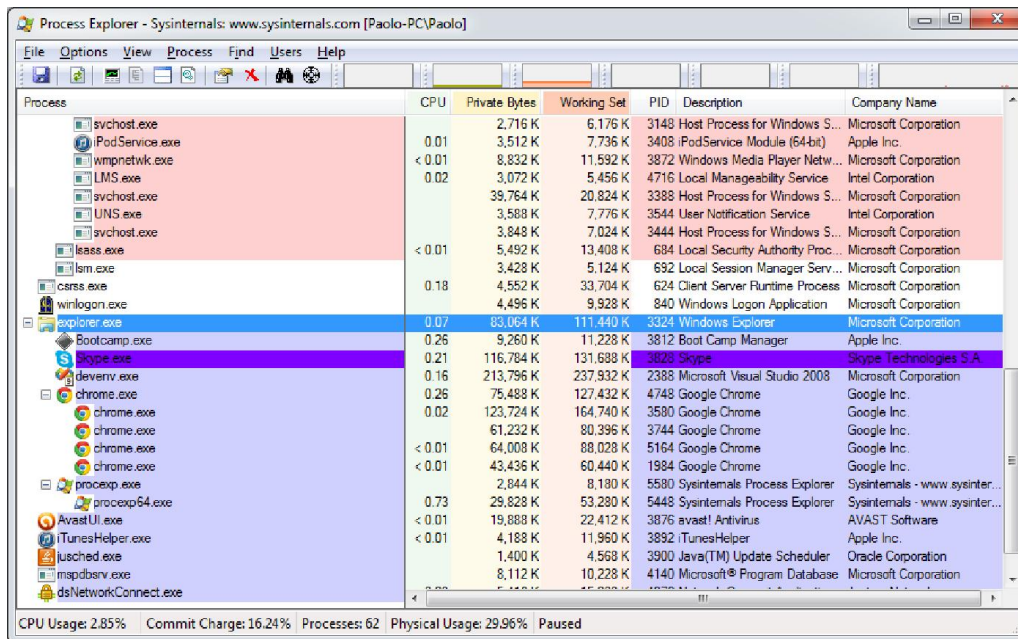# IDT

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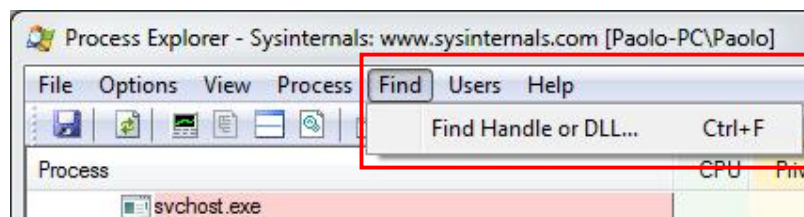## "How To: detect which process is locking a file or a folder"

A Microsoft tool, Process Explorer, shows you which program has a particular file or directory open.

To do that, follow the instructions below:

- Download the "ProcessExplorer.zip file from the Microsoft website (see the link below).

  http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/bb896653.aspx

- Copy the content of the zip file into a folder on your computer and run the procexp.exe file. A window listing all the running processes will appear (see below).
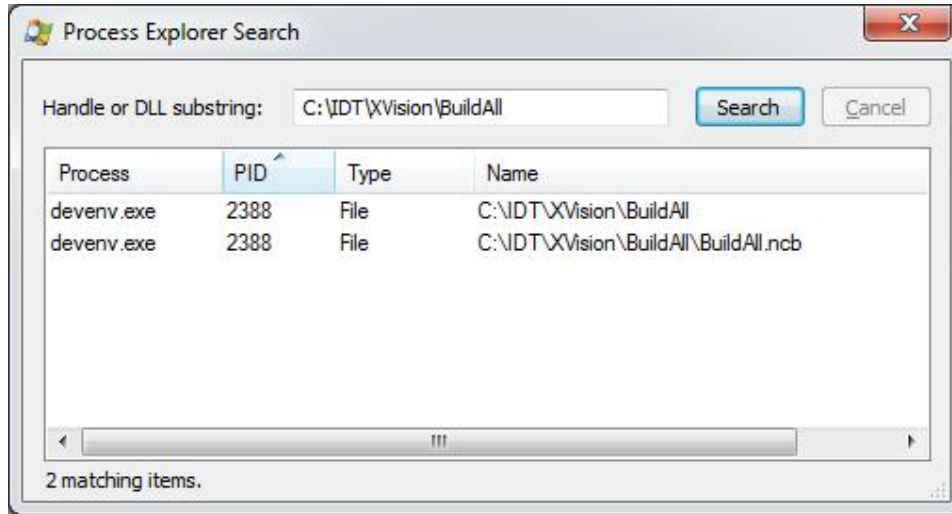

- From the Find menu, select "Find Handle or DLL..." (see below).

- The dialog box below will appear.

- In the "Handle or DLL substring" field, enter the path to the locked folder (in the example above it's "C:\IDTXVision\BuildAll").

- Click "Search". All processes which are locking files in that folder should be listed.