Subject: !HELP_PATH ignored w/ IDL 3.1, VMS?
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I was wondering if some kind soul out there could confirm or deny my observation that the !HELP_PATH system variable is ignored in IDL 3.1.0 under VMS.

I perform the following

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$ create/directory [.help]
$ set default [.help]
$ copy idl_dir:[help]routines.help []my_routines.help
$ define idl_help_path 'f$environment("default")
$ idl
IDL> print, !help_path
IDL> ?
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And though the !HELP_PATH variable is properly defined, my listing of available help comes from IDL_DIR:[HELP], ignoring the MY_ROUTINES.HELP file in the current directory.

Does this "bug" appear under VMS IDL 3.5 as well, and is it a real bug or an operator error?

Thanks for any assistance,

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