Subject: Re: can't change PATH preference under Windows? Posted by Benjamin Hornberger on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 00:30:36 GMT

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Jeff N. wrote:

- > Hi folks,
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- > I'm using IDL 6.2 with WinXP. I've somehow managed to make it so that
- > IDL won't let me change my path preferences using the preferences
- > dialog box my path folders are desensitized. According to the help
- > file, this desensitization occurs when "higher priority" items set
- > preferences, and these higher priority items are command line arguments
- > or environment variables (so if, for ex., an environment variable sets
- > the preference, the preference can't be changed during the session).
- > The problem is that I'm currently using neither of these....but I have
- > used command line arguments before. So my guess is that IDL still
- > somehow thinks a command line argument is being used when it isn't.
- > I've tried a simple computer restart as well as starting IDL with
- > different means (a desktop shortcut, clicking on the executable itself,
- > and using the windows command line). Nothing seemed to work. Does
- > anyone have any suggestions as to how I could get myself out of this? I
- > *really* need to customize my path very soon! :)

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> Jeff

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I don't really know how you can get back that sensitivity, but as a workaround you can change the path by directly editing the !PATH system variable, e.g. in your startup file. You can use the EXPAND_PATH function if necessary.

!PATH = expand_path('+/my/additional/path')+':'+!PATH

Good luck, Benjamin