Subject: can't change PATH preference under Windows?
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Hi folks,

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! :)

Jeff