
Subject: Re: can't change PATH preference under Windows?
Posted by [Doug Edmundson](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 19:01:07 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! :)
>
> Jeff
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Jeff,

What happens if you try...

- (1) HELP, /PREFERENCES, [/FULL]
- (2) PREF_SET, "IDL_PATH", "junk" (don't do /COMMIT)

They'll give clues as to what IDL is thinking. You can also look in the .idl directory and poke around the preference files, comparing them with the machines that work.

Hope this helps,
Doug
