
Subject: IDL Workbench Starting Directory

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Folks,

This looks like another workbench bug to me. I'm working on my Windows laptop this afternoon. I have configured my Initial Working Directory via the Window -> Preferences -> IDL dialog. I exit IDL and re-start. When it gets done "analyzing" my code, I check the current working directory:

```
IDL> pwd
C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL70\bin\bin.x86
```

Humm. Not what I wanted. :-(

OK, I set up a start-up file that sets this command:

```
Pref_Set, 'IDL_START_DIR', 'C:\IDL\The Incubator', /COMMIT
```

Exit IDL and start up again. I see the print statement in my start up file, so it executes correctly. But...

```
IDL> pwd
C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL70\bin\bin.x86
```

Huh!?

I'm pretty sure this works on my home machine, running the same OS. Weird. Really, really weird. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
