
Subject: Preferences gone mad
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It appears that a previously well behaved IDL installation has gone crazy with preference setting for one user. For other users on the same computer, things look normal. And the same seems to occur from the Workbench or the command line:

```
IDL> p=pref_get('IDL_PATH')
IDL> print,p
+/usr/local/gpulib:<IDL_DEFAULT>
IDL> p+=':/some_directory/'
IDL> print,p
+/usr/local/gpulib:<IDL_DEFAULT>:/some_directory/
IDL> pref_set,'IDL_PATH',p,/commit
IDL> print,pref_get('IDL_PATH')
+/usr/local/gpulib:<IDL_DEFAULT>:/some_directory/
IDL> exit
```

Then, from a new session:

```
IDL> print,pref_get('IDL_PATH')
+/usr/local/gpulib:<IDL_DEFAULT>
```

Where did the new preference go?

The preferences file was updated; it contains:

```
IDL_PATH : +/usr/local/gpulib:<IDL_DEFAULT>:/some_directory/
```

The same happens if I change the path from the Workbench. It seems that IDL is ignoring the preferences file. I already removed the entire .idl directory, to let it be recreated, and it made no difference. The gpulib directory shows up because there is an IDL_PATH environment variable.

Am I going mad? Am I missing something?
