
Subject: Re: cd to nonexistent directory and up again
Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Tue, 16 Oct 2012 11:42:46 GMT
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On Tuesday, October 16, 2012 12:33:19 PM UTC+2, tom.gr...@gmail.com wrote:

> Why is it that this fails:

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> IDL> cd, 'bobo/..'

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> % CD: Unable to change current directory to bobo/...

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> No such file or directory

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> but this does not:

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> IDL> cd, './bobo/..'

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> IDL>

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> I am using CD to determine whether a given path exists as a directory, and I was expecting the second case to fail just like the first one does, since there is no difference between them in my mind.

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> Cheers,

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> Tom

Both CD's are cd to the current directory, IDL or the underlying OS may optimize it away.

Use `file_test('bobo', /dir)` instead.

regards,

