Subject: !HELP\_PATH

Posted by matsu on Fri, 20 Jan 1995 17:44:50 GMT

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When executing the HELP command,

IDL> help,!HELP\_PATH

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% Not a legal system variable: !HELP\_PATH.

When I try changing this system variable,

IDL> !HELP\_PATH=!HELP\_PATH + "~/idl/help"

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 $! HELP\_PATH = ! HELP\_PATH + "\sim /idl/help"$ 

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How can I change the system variable, "!HELP\_PATH"?

I use IDL version 3.0

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Subject: Re: !HELP\_PATH

Posted by thompson on Mon, 23 Jan 1995 19:45:40 GMT

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matsu@a.phys.nagoya-u.ac.jp (Tomoaki Matsumoto-theoretical group) writes:

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I think your problem is that your documentation is for a later version of IDL than the one you're using. Looking at the release notes, it appears that !HELP\_PATH was added with version 3.1.0.

Bill Thompson