
Subject: !HELP_PATH

Posted by [matsu](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 1995 17:44:50 GMT

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But, this system variable is somewhat strange.

When executing the HELP command,

```
IDL> help,!HELP_PATH
```

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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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How can I change the system variable, "!HELP_PATH" ?

I use IDL version 3.0

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Subject: Re: !HELP_PATH

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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
