
Subject: Re: idl_help_path problem

Posted by [Zhen Liu](#) on Tue, 25 Jan 2011 18:31:26 GMT

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On Jan 25, 1:14 am, Zhen Liu <zhen....@eas.gatech.edu> wrote:

> Hi all,
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> Today I ran into a problem that my IDL just could not find my online
> help files. I tried to set the '!help_path' by several ways, e.g.
> Pref_Set in my start_up file, or 'setenv' in the .cshrc file, then I
> checked it by ' print, pref_get('idl_help_path')', and everything
> turned out perfect as I set. BUT....everytime I tried to activate my
> help in IDL by e.g. '?mean', it said: The page could not be found! '/'
> usr/local/idl64/help
> /online_help/MEAN.html' . This is a directory that does not exist at
> all! I am sure I never set that directory as the !help_path. It is not
> the same as the default value either, since I was able to see this
> default path by 'PRINT, EXPAND_PATH('<IDL_DEFAULT>', /HELP)'. This
> default one is exactly the same as what I set in the startup file or
> in the .cshrc file : '/opt/idl/idl64/help:/opt/idl/idl64/help/
> online_help', and I can see all the documents in the
> subdirectories... ...
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> Can someone help me out here? I read a lot of previous posts and seems
> that even Dr. David Fanning has encountered some problem with path
> setting in IDL, although his case seems more complex than mine.. Am I
> doing something stupid here or any of you have found the same issue
> before? It is not a major problem, but it is just frustrating to have
> it in your work... Really want to figure it out.
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> Look forward to your ideas and discussions.
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btw, I am using IDL6.4 on a linux system.
