
Subject: idl_help_path problem

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Hi all,

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... ..

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.

Look forward to your ideas and discussions.

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