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Posted by [Robert Moss](#) on Thu, 16 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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> Thanks, Steve

Yep, prepending a + in front of a path causes IDL to expand it to include all of the subdirectories. See the online help for EXPAND_PATH and/or IDL_PATH.

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Put a "+" in front of the directory name.

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SETENV IDL_PATH +/usr/mydir
```

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