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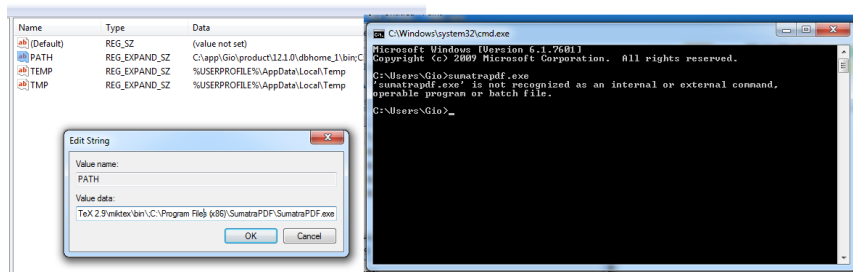
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Windows 7 - Add Path



I need to add a new path (sumatraPDF) on my PATH variable .
 I don't know why it does not work...
 I think everything is right but when I try to execute sumatrapdf.exe from CMD it cannot find the program.



This is what I did:

The path is correct, I checked it 1000 times.

The idea is use LaTeX with sublimetext and when I save a .text file sumatra has to open and show to me the result. If I want that I have to add the path of SumatraPDF... but it does not work.

path windows-7-x64

edited Apr 1 at 7:44



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asked Apr 30 '14 at 23:54



Giovanni Far

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4 Answers

The path is now managed by Windows 7 and not the autoexec.bat or autoexec.nt files. To change the system environment variables, follow the below steps.

1. From the desktop, right-click My Computer and click Properties.
2. In the System Properties window, click on the Advanced tab
3. In the Advanced section, click the Environment Variables button.
4. Finally, in the Environment Variables window (as shown below), highlight the Path variable in the Systems Variable section and click the Edit button. Add or modify the path lines with the paths you wish the computer to access. Each different directory is separated with a semicolon as shown below.

C:\Program Files; C:\Winnt; C:\Winnt\System32

Example of path location in windows : C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.7.0_71\bin

edited Feb 21 '15 at 5:20

answered Feb 16 '15 at 15:48



Md. Imran Choudhury

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1 Wow. I really needed a simple straightforward answer and you gave me it. +1 – [Kolob Canyon](#) Mar 16 at 3:49



I think you are editing something in the windows registry but that has no effect on the path.

Try this:

[How to Add, Remove or Edit Environment variables in Windows 7](#)

the variable of interest is the PATH

also you can type on the command line:

```
Set PATH=%PATH%;(your new path);
```

answered Apr 30 '14 at 23:59



Domin8urMind

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i added the path exactly your link says... after in the regedit i checked and i saw that the path is correctly added... but it doesnt work. if i print the value of my PATH variable i get this:[i61.tinypic.com/epislk.png](#) – [Giovanni Far](#) May 1 '14 at 0:09

1 :-) Remove the "SumatraPDF.exe" from the path. You should only have folders in the path. The way DOS works is that when you type a command on the prompt, DOS will look in the current directory, then search in every directory in the **path** in environment variable called PATH. It didn't find your exe because there is no directory called "C:\... \SumatraPDF\SumatraPDF.exe". If you change that entry to "C:\... \SumatraPDF\" all will be fine. – [Domin8urMind](#) May 1 '14 at 2:53

I founded the problem: Just insert the folder without the executable file.
so Instead of:

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C:\Program Files (x86)\SumatraPDF\SumatraPDF.exe
```

you have to write this:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\SumatraPDF\
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I'm confused, does it add everything with .exe to the \$PATH variable when you specify a folder? – [Kolob Canyon](#) Mar 16 at 3:52

The path is a list of directories where the command prompt will look for executable files, if it can't find it in the current directory. The OP seems to be trying to add the actual executable, when it just needs to specify the path where the executable is.

answered Mar 16 at 19:51



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