## Why doesn't SHGetKnownFolderPath return the customized path?

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A customer reported that the SHGetKnownFolderPath function was not working correctly. They moved their Videos folder to a new location, but when they called SHGetKnownFolder-Path , they got the old path rather than the new one.

A quick check of the code they provided showed why:

Um, you're passing the KF\_FLAG\_DEFAULT\_PATH flag. That flag means "Tell me where this folder *would have been* if its location had never been customized." Therefore, if you pass this flag, you have no right to complain that it's returning a path different from the customized path. Because passing that flag means "I don't want the customized path."

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