



Why does the tool does not execute when I get the following error(s)?

```
pget: parameter not found...
parammatch : can't find parameter PARAMNAME in reference list
parameter error?
```

Each of these error messages indicates that there is a mismatch between the local copy of the parameter file (the one that the tool is trying to read) and the CIAO default version. This often occurs when a new version of CIAO is installed and the parameter file directory is not initialized.

To fix this problem, delete the tool's parameter file from your own directory (usually `$HOME/cxcds_param`) so that the software can access the correct default file:

```
unix% dmlist acis_evt2.fits blocks
pget: parameter not found : verbose
unix% plist dmlist

Parameters for /home/username/cxcds_param/dmlist.par

    infile = acis_evt2.fits Input dataset/block specification
      opt = blocks           Option
(outfile = )                Output file (optional)
   (rows = )                Range of table rows to print (min:max)
   (cells = )               Range of array indices to print (min:max)
   (mode = ql)

unix% rm /home/username/cxcds_param/dmlist.par
```

As visible in the example, you have to delete the parameter file that is displayed at the top of the plist output. Re-issuing the plist command shows the default file being accessed (here we assume that `$ASCDS_INSTALL` is `/soft/ciao`):

```
unix% plist dmlist

Parameters for /soft/ciao/param/dmlist.par

    infile =                Input dataset/block specification
      opt = data            Option
(outfile = )                Output file (optional)
   (rows = )                Range of table rows to print (min:max)
   (cells = )               Range of array indices to print (min:max)
   (verbose = 0)           Debug Level(0-5)
```

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(mode = ql)
```

The `verbose` parameter is now present in the parameter listing.

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URL:
http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao3.4/faq/pget_error.html
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