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> In article <6hgr8e$qs3$1@nnrp1.dejanews.com>, <csaute3@alumni.umbc.edu> wrote:
>> I don't want to do "ps | grep idl" because of the result.
>>
>> IDL> spawn,'ps | grep idl',result,/sh
>> IDL> print, result
>> 23847 pd S    0:02 /usr/local/rsi/idl_4/bin/bin.sunos.4.1/idl
>> 23852 pd S    0:00 sh -c ps | grep idl 23853 pd S    0:00 grep idl
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> Try this:
>
> IDL> spawn,'ps | grep idl | grep -v grep',result,/sh
> IDL> print,result
> 23847 pd S    0:02 /usr/local/rsi/idl_4/bin/bin.sunos.4.1/idl
> IDL> print,long(result)
>      23847
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> If you really feel lucky you can try something like.....
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> IDL> ; check your libc version before doing this!
> IDL> result=call_external('/lib/libc.so.1.9','getpid')
          ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ ; Great stuff!
> IDL> print,result
>      23847
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