
Subject: Re: idl process id

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csaute3@alumni.umbc.edu wrote:

>
> This is my setup:

> How would I easily grab the process ID of my IDL session?
>
> 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
>
> There is an option on spawn to return the process ID:
>
> IDL> spawn,'ps | grep idl',result,/sh,pid=processid
> IDL> help, processid
> PROCESSID LONG = 23852
>
> But pid is for the child process. I would like the process id for
> the "parent process."
>
> Cathy Campo
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Try:

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spawn, 'echo $$', pid  
print, pid(0)
```

This will not work with Windows or MAC.

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