
Subject: Re: Strange UNIX or strange IDL?

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On 6 Nov 1998, Vap User wrote:

> Harald Frey <hfrey@ssl.berkeley.edu> writes:

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> returns a null string if there isn't. PWD is always defined in

> the Cshell (not sure about sh, but I think it must be true for it as

not in mine (DU 3.2)

> 'pwd' is a *command* in the cshell that returns the *value* of the

> environmental variable 'PWD'. 'PWD' is not any command -unless you are

Yes, pwd is the command, but the variable is called 'cwd'.

pwd is the same as "echo \$cwd"

And 'cwd' is a shell variable (in csh use command "set" to see them)

and not an environment variable (in chs use "printenv"). And since

is not in the environment (of the parent process of IDL) IDL won't getenv it.

And also remember that within IDL you can CD to a different directory without any effect on the shell. So consider the two (IDL and shell) fully disjoint environments.

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