
Subject: Re: IDL Spawn command on UNIX system

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In article <37bf3790@mindmeld.idcomm.com>, "John D. Sample"
<sample@idcomm.com> wrote:

> I'm using IDL to SPAWN a c program on many UNIX systems using the 'remsh'
> (remote shell) command.

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> I would like to SPAWN these jobs in the background and forget them until
> later, but, by default my IDL session stops and waits for the SPAWNed job to
> be complete.

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I hope this is something you've overlooked and I'm not sounding like an
idiot for suggesting it, but how about adding an ampersand (&) to the end
of the command string which is sent to the spawn command? That would
background the spawned command and return to the IDL command/program
without waiting for the process to complete.

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