Subject: time events?
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I'm using IDL widgets to launch other applications on a unix network of boxes using the SPAWN command.

It would be nice to generate events automatically at certain times of the day. Alternatively, if the contents of a pipe could generate an event, that would work too. What I don't want to do is hard code a loop that continually reads a file or pipe, or checks the system time, and prevents the user from using other functions.

Specifically, I need a way to determine whether a SPAWNed job is done so I can have IDL launch another one automatically.

Thanks. Chip