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Subject: Re: IDLSpecII: IDL Speed Survey Redux!  
Posted by [J.D. Smith](#) on Fri, 22 Oct 1999 07:00:00 GMT  
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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:

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> J.D. Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> wrote:
>> wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:
>>> Aside: the auto-email failed, with no obvious indication of why.
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>> Thanks. The auto-email code is basically:
>
>> spawn,/SH,'mail -s "SUBJ" user@company.com < file 2>&1 1>/dev/null', r
>> if strlen(strtrim(r[0],2)) ne 0 then begin
>>   print,'Error sending email.'
>> endif
>
>> If "mail" is not available on your path, or if it is not configured for
>> sending, it will fail. Maybe you could try sending a message to yourself
>> from IDL via spawn in this manner and let me know the results. Make
>> sure something exists in "file". Is there a more generic spawn command
>> I could use to accomodate Alpha's?
>
> The error I get back with that command is:
>
> usage: binmail [-epqbhr] [-f file]
>   or binmail [-d] [-r name] [-h N] user ...
>
> It works if I replace "mail" with "Mail". This may be more of a peculiarity of
> our system than a generic alpha thing... but you could let the script have a second
> go with "Mail" if the first send fails, perhaps?
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I changed it to spawn "Mail", since on the Linux and Solaris systems I checked on, this was simply a link to "mail", or a link to the same program as "mail".

Anyone see a problem with this?

JD

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