
Subject: Re: IDLSpecII: IDL Speed Survey Redux!

Posted by [wmc](#) on Fri, 22 Oct 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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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.

> 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?

-W.

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