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Subject: Re: IDLSpecII: IDL Speed Survey Redux!  
Posted by [J.D. Smith](#) on Thu, 21 Oct 1999 07:00:00 GMT  
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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:

>  
> J.D. Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> wrote:  
>> <http://www.astro.cornell.edu/idlspec/is2.html>  
>  
>> Note: IDLSpecII uses a special-purpose email address for automatic  
>> entry processing: idlspec@astro.cornell.edu. Please do not mail IS2  
>> results to my address.  
>  
> Very nicely done... I've added an entry.  
>  
> Aside: the auto-email failed, with no obvious indication of why.  
>

Thanks. The auto-email code is basically:

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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?

Thanks,

JD

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