
Subject: Re: Spawn Pipes

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 11 May 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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J.D. Smith (jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu) writes:

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> Any other unix 5.3 users out there have trouble reading from file units spawned
> as pipes to a command? Try this procedure:
>
> pro simp
>   cmd='ls'
>   spawn,unit=un,cmd
>   line=""
>   while 1 do begin
>     readf,un,line
>     print,'GOT: ',line
>   endwhile
> end
>
> For me, almost every run results in an IDL segfault, though occassionally it
> will work.
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I seem to have a vague notion in the reptilian part of my brain that this is a known IDL 5.3 Linux problem, although a quick check of my notes doesn't turn up anything. Was it Bob Mallozzi who was complaining about this?

Cheers,

David

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