
Subject: flush output files

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I have a long IDL program which I've designed to be run in the background in batch mode. All output goes to various files. One of the files contains various informational messages, particularly counters that let me know how far into a given loop the program has progressed. These are placed into a file via printf statements. Unfortunately IDL doesn't seem to write into the file as soon as a printf statement is issued but rather waits for sufficient data to accumulate to fill some buffer. Or at least that's what the behavior looks like. Does anyone know a way I can force IDL to flush it's buffers so the data gets written to disk? If it makes a difference this is on both SunOS 4.1.3 and Solaris 2.3. Thanks.

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