
Subject: Re: Running IDL from cron
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Gwyn Fireman <Gwyn.Fireman@gsfc.nasa.gov> writes:

> Hi, everyone -

> With Deja gone and Google barely functional I have to ask here what I'm
> sure has been addressed before:

> How do you run IDL routines from cron - while maintaining IDL_PATH and
> other environment variables?

> I have had no trouble running my idl routines using batch or at, when
> starting in the same directory as the main-level routine. In that case
> my environment is copied to the spawned process.

> Now I have the need to run these from cron. I have been able to write
> scripts to cd to the appropriate directory and to run my .cshrc (where
> my IDL_PATH and other environment variables are defined), but keep
> running into problems. The latest is than .cshrc bombs on a
> system-level env that apparently isn't defined when running from cron.

> So can anyone point me in the right direction?
> I'm running { alpha OSF unix 5.3 Nov 11 1999}.

> Many thanks in advance,
> Gwyn Fireman

Gwyn:

I suspect that your trouble is that you have environment variables which are being defined in your .login file rather than in .cshrc. That's pretty common practice, but one which I personally avoid. If you include the statement "source ~/.login", that should get around the problem.

Bill Thompson
