
Subject: Re: IDL and UNIX setenv

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Nigel Wade wrote in message <9gkfmi\$jgv4\$2@rook.le.ac.uk>...

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> In article , "Daniel Peduzzi" <peduzzi@mediaone.net> writes:

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>> I tried to append the "/usr1/guest/bin/" directory to my UNIX

>> path before starting an IDL session, but the path information

>> doesn't seem to be propagated into IDL.

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> I'm pretty sure it uses PATH to determine the location of the

> program.

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> Try checking your PATH carefully to make sure that you haven't added

> it incorrectly. If you can run "myprog" from the command line you

> should be able to run it from within IDL.

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That's what I thought, too. Before I started IDL, I verified that I could run "myprog" from any directory as a result of extending the path correctly. But subsequently, I'm not able to SPAWN the program from within IDL without indicating its exact location.

> What do you get if you run :

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> IDL> spawn,'echo \$PATH'

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I get the UNIX pathname BEFORE I extended the path. Not only that, but if I try to extend the PATH environment variable from within IDL, I still can't run "myprog". Boy, am I confused!

Dan
