
Subject: Re: Capturing screen output

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David Shadovitz wrote:

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> Liam,
>
> Thanks for that. But I cannot even get that far! If I just make a simple
> file containing IDL commands, it runs fine unless I try to redirect its
> output. When I redirect its output, the output file is empty. Here's what I
> mean:
>
> $ cat runidl
> print, 'Hello world'
> exit
>
> $ idl runidl
> IDL Version 5.4 (sunos sparc). (c) 2000, Research Systems, Inc.
> Hello world
>
> $ idl runidl > runidl.out
> IDL Version 5.4 (sunos sparc). (c) 2000, Research Systems, Inc.
>
> $ cat runidl.out
> $
>
> Any ideas?
```

David,

Your example works fine for me in Solaris 7 with IDL 5.3:

```
$ cat runidl
print, 'Hello world'
exit
```

```
$ idl runidl
IDL Version 5.3 (sunos sparc). (c) 1999, Research Systems, Inc.
```

```
Hello world
```

```
$ idl runidl > runidl.out
IDL Version 5.3 (sunos sparc). (c) 1999, Research Systems, Inc.
```

```
$ cat runidl.out
Hello world
```

This might be a platform specific bug in IDL 5.4 on Solaris. You might want to check with RSI tech support.

Cheers,
Liam.
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