Subject: Re: launching executables from idl
Posted by G Karas on Thu, 28 Mar 2002 07:40:21 GMT

or... write off a script from within IDL
save it in a file and use SPAWN with the script name:

eg

file is commands.txt

CMD = 'dothiscommand < commands.txt' ; should work in DOS as well
SPAWN, CMD

or,

CD, dir ; where dir is where your script is
filename = 'commands.script'
CMD = 'chmod 755' + filname ; for unix
SPAWN, CMD
CMD = 'command.script'
SPAWN, CMD, result
print, result ; to get you the results (txt) back in IDL

basically SPAWN is just a way to escape into the
command line from within an IDL session
What I do, is send off all the commands to a script,
then make that executable and SPAWN it. Not very
elegant, very system-dependant, but it is quick and dirty.

cheers!