
Subject: Re: SPAWN command blocked in 5.3.1
Posted by [hieninger](#) on Tue, 14 Jan 2003 14:14:30 GMT
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Hi Ben,

> I use spawn quite a bit (way too much) for creating directories,
> copying files, etc on Windows. It works in the situation because the
> computer is married to a sonar instrument closely intergated with
> Windows. I have used SPAWN successfully in this situation in IDL
> versions 5.2 through 5.5.
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>
> The follwing works for me using IDL 5.3.1 on Win 98 2ed
>
> ** Structure !VERSION, 5 tags, length=40:
> ARCH STRING 'x86'
> OS STRING 'Win32'
> OS_FAMILY STRING 'Windows'
> RELEASE STRING '5.3.1'
> BUILD_DATE STRING 'Feb 23 2000'
> IDL> spawn, 'start netscape'

this is what I call an adequate answer!
Thanks a lot.

> I don't want to suggest the obvious,

you did... ;-))

(but who knows, or as a Teacher of mine always says 99% of
all errors are caused by cable problems)

> as if you hadn't thought of it
> already, but have tested your spawned command directly at the MSDOS
> prompt?

I tried

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c:\full\path\to\netscape.exe  
%comspec%  
c:\command.com  
both on MSDOS prompt --> ok  
and on IDL prompt/Application --> *n*ok
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> If it works there but not when you use the IDL 'SPAWN'
> command, then you have a case for Tech Support at RSI.
>
> Good luck,

seems that I could need a proper dose of...

> Ben
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Thanks again,

Harro
