
Subject: Re: SPAWN command blocked in 5.3.1
Posted by [btupper](#) on Tue, 14 Jan 2003 13:31:31 GMT
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On Tue, 14 Jan 2003 13:14:10 +0100, Harro Uwe Hieninger
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>
> "Is it supposed to work, (then there should be a switch that forbids it
> on my system), or NOT (then I should forget the stuff)
>
Hello,

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.

The follwing works for me using IDL 5.3.1 on Win 98 2ed

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** 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'
```

I don't want to suggest the obvious, as if you hadn't thought of it
already, but have tested your spawned command directly at the MSDOS
prompt? 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,
Ben
