
Subject: Re: getpid in Mac OS X

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Thank you,

but this solution only works if only one IDL process is running. In my case there are 4 processes and I need all the PID's.

Regards.

M. Katz wrote:

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> Here's a possible solution. It's more of a stopgap than anything
> elegant....
> When you spawn, 'ps' you get output that looks like this
>
> PID TT STAT   TIME COMMAND  486 std Ss   0:00.27 -csh
> 614 std S+   0:23.30 /Applications/idl_6.0/bin/bin.darwin.ppc/idl
> 734 std R+   0:00.05 tcsh -c ps
>
> So we'll use that output to look for the corrent line, and identify
> the ID as 614 in this case
>
> === code snippet ===
> pid = -1 ;--- default value means unknown PID
>
> if (!version.os EQ 'darwin') then begin ;--- we're on a Mac
>   spawn, 'ps', list ;--- this returns a long list of processes
>   ;--- My IDL app lives in /Applications, so here I'm looking for
> a
>   ; line that has "/Applications" and "idl" in the line.
>   ; If your IDL app lives somewhere else, change this to
> something else
>   ;--- Find which process might be the right one.
>   w = where((strpos(list, 'Applications') GT 0) and (strpos(list,
> 'idl') GT 0), count)
>   if (count GT 0) then $
>     pid = long( strsplit(list(w), ' ', /EXTRACT))(0)
>   endif
> === end of code snippet ===
>
> Miguel Angel Cordoba <cordoba_nospam@grahi.upc.es> wrote in message
news:<40C9B961.8000605@grahi.upc.es>...
>
>
>> Hi,
>> I want to get the process identification (pid) of my IDL. In
>> Linux I get the pid calling:
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>>
>> pid=CALL_EXTERNAL('/usr/lib/i686/libc.so.6','getpid')
>>
>> but this library doesn't exist in Mac Os X. I had probed with
>> the '/usr/lib/libc.dylib' but didn't work. Any ideas?
>>
>> IDL>pid=CALL_EXTERNAL('/usr/lib/libc.dylib','getpid')
>> % CALL_EXTERNAL: Error loading sharable executable.
>> Symbol: getpid, FILE=/usr/lib/libc.dylib
>> not a Mach-O MH-BUNDLE file type
>>
>> Thanks a lot.
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>> --
>> _____
>> Miguel Angel Cordoba
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