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Subject: Re: Silent errors in run-time

Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Tue, 11 Oct 2005 14:23:40 GMT

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In article <1129035538.813436.242790@g43g2000cwa.googlegroups.com>, otto.hyvarinen@fmi.fi wrote:

> I have a bunch of IDL scripts I want to run with cron in Linux. I have  
> compiled and saved them, and now run them with 'idl  
> -rt="something.sav".  
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> All is well, except when there is an error, IDL wants to open a window  
> with the error message. That is not what I want. I would like to either  
> put those messages to stderr or suppress them altogether (I don't  
> actually care what happens. If a script fails, it fails.). Is there  
> some extra command line option, or something I can use?  
>  
> regards,

You need to "redirect output". Syntax varies slightly depending on which shell you are running.

In csh (and tcsh) I do something like this

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idl >>& my_idl_log
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to append both standard output and standard error to the file my\_idl\_log.

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