
Subject: Multiple Spawn Commands

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Dear IDL Gurus,

Is it possible to issue multiple Spawn commands in Unix IDL without closing the shell? What I want to do is issue a very simple foreach loop but i cannot call spawn long enough to input all the commands. I think i might have to use the Unit keyword of spawn but i'm not sure how it works. Due to the simplicity of what I want to do I might be able to do it in fewer commands in Unix but I don't have enough experience in Unix to know how. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

I want the following commands issued in Unix:

```
change to desired directory
foreach i ( file1 file2 file3 ... )
...file_dump.pl -$i ...
end
```

To do this I have the following:

```
spawn, foreachcommand
spawn, filedumpcommand
spawn, endcommand
```

but this obviously does not work.

Thanks,
Ryan.
