
Subject: Re: spawn and 'ls *.out'

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On Tue, 19 Sep 2006, queiny98@yahoo.com wrote:

> Dear IDL experts,
>
> Can I use '*' and '?' in the UNIX commands through 'spawn'?
>
> When I try:
>
>> spawn, ['ls', 'data/2003????'], /noshell
> Cannot access data/2003????: No such file or directory
>
> I have files like '20030101', '20030102', etc. in this directory.
> It seems 'spawn' interpolate '?' directly or literally. How could I let
> IDL know?
>
> Thanks.
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* and ? are evaluated by the shell. ls (and any other program) gets real filenames. Omit the /noshell keyword.

regards,
lajos
