
Subject: Re: spawn on IDL virtual machine

Posted by [Allan Whiteford](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 2006 15:21:56 GMT

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Sverre,

In UNIX, both spawn and call_external work with no problems inside the VM. To the best of my knowledge there has been no attempt to disable them like the way execute is disabled so I'd imagine there is no real problem using them on windows either.

However, it's unlikely that code originally written for UNIX will work with windows where spawn is concerned. Chances are there were some assumptions about paths etc. or, worse still, the IDL was spawning a UNIX command like 'ls' or 'rm'.

Thanks,

Allan

Sverre Solberg wrote:

- > Is there a way to run code that contains the "spawn" command by the IDL
- > virtual machine? I presume not :-(but would like to ask anyway. This
- > is a code originally made for Unix, so it crashes when running the VM
- > (with spawn) on Windows, which is not so surprising. But perhaps there
- > is a way to test for platform inside the program and modify the call to
- > "spawn" accordingly??
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- > Sverre
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