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Subject: Re: nicing idl at startup from idlwave  
Posted by [Christopher Thom](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 19:15:23 GMT  
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Quoth JD Smith:

> On Mon, 22 Jan 2007 10:00:30 -0600, Christopher Thom wrote:  
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>> Hi gang,  
>>  
>> A quick question -- does anyone know how to start idl from idlwave with a  
>> lower process priority? I tried setting idlwave-shell-explicit-file-name  
>> to something like "nice -5 idl" without any success. Looks like this needs  
>> to be the filename only, I presume since idl is started without recourse  
>> to the shell.  
>  
> Probably the easiest is to make a shell script "niceidl" and reference  
> that directly in shell-explicit-filename. renice also could do the  
> trick post-facto, and a little elisp could make it much easier to use.  
> Stick this in your .emacs:

duh. shell script. always miss the simple and obvious solutions. thanks  
both. I just tried it and it works fine...will keep an eye out for  
unexpected side-effects of have a shell layer in there.

btw -- i should have been a little more explicit: "nice -5" is a  
somewhat historical usage, which lowers the priority (i.e. = nice -n +5  
idl). at least, on my linux/mac machines.

cheers  
chris

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