
Subject: Need help with basic spawn command
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Im running IDL on XP.

I have this basic C code:

```
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    int n=5;
    n=n*2;
    return n;
}
//This file is basic.c
```

> From IDL, I just want to call this program and return n.

In IDL, I can write:

```
SPAWN, 'basic' ; this of course runs the
basic.c program.
```

But this doesnt return anything of course.. ive tried to add another variable after this line such as:
SPAWN, 'basic', variable

But windows doesnt like any of this...

Can anyone help me with this basic application? With spawn in the past ive gotten it to do calculations on a variable and return them, but with no input, im unsure how to get the output.

Thanks for any help! Ive also boughten the 'from c->dlim->idl' book but it wont be in for a few days.
