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Subject: Re: how can idl find out information of other softwares

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On Jul 19, 2:34 am, Tinwai <wangt...@gmail.com> wrote:

- > Hi. I hope to get some innformation about other softwares installed in
- > the same computer, say, Matlab, while my IDL application is running.
- > How can I realize this? The information I need include whether the
- > software is installed, the version, and the installation directory.
- > Thank you.

As far as I know, there is no simple way to do this. IDL itself doesn't have access to information like that. However, you may be able to take advantage of the 'spawn' command. This command let's you run external commands on the computer you are on. So, if you can find a way to get this information without using IDL, then you can use IDL to run that command, and viola. That's the only way I can think of to do it.

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