Subject: Re: spawn question
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<33a84552-1576-4ca3-a670-3f37064bf63c@59g2000hsb.googlegroups.com>, russ <rlayberry@hotmail.com> wrote:

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this may be a tupid question and it might be that i am an idiot,
but...
i want to spawn a process
cmd='ls -l'
spawn,cmd
i am actually doing this with a GET command and it sometimes hangs
if i try
spawn,cmd,/nowait
it tells me
Keyword NOWAIT not allowed in call to: SPAWN
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/NOWAIT only works on Windows. Are you running on Unix/Linux/Mac OS?

Use the standard Unix syntax to run a procedure in the background

SPAWN, 'Is -I &', result

Of course, then you get this

> but it says it is in the help?

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IDL> spawn, 'ls -l &', result
IDL> help, result
RESULT STRING = Array[1]
IDL> print, result
[1] 4624
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If you want to actually see the output of Is, you will have to run it in the foreground

IDL> spawn, 'Is -I', result

IDL> help, result
RESULT STRING = Array[41]

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