
Subject: Re: SHA-1, MD5, etc inquiry
Posted by [cgh1](#) on Wed, 09 Jul 2008 21:29:08 GMT
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Thanks for the reply! This is actually something I'm working on now, only for sha-1. I was hoping to use `call_external` but after fighting with that all day (xp+cygwin+student edition of idl....), I think `spawn` is probably the easiest answer. Now to see what kind of performance hit I take! =-)

I definitely understand about the prioritizing too - I'd like to do it, but there are too many other things that also need to get done first.

--Topher

On Jul 9, 11:43 am, Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:
> I have wanted to do this before too, but the want has never moved high
> enough on the priority to write md5 as an idl routine.
>
> One thing that I played with a bit which is not portable or elegant
> but does seem to work (on my mac and should on *nix, no ides about
> windoze)
>
> IDL> data = 'Hello World'
> IDL> spawn, 'echo ' + data + ' | md5sum', md5
> IDL> print, md5
> e59ff97941044f85df5297e1c302d260 -
