
Subject: Re: Spawn

Posted by [Allan Whiteford](#) on Thu, 31 Jul 2008 11:56:27 GMT

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Joost Aan de Brugh wrote:

> Hello all,
>
> I was wondering if you can navigate efficiently through directories
> with Spawn (Calling shell commands)
>
> For example:
> IDL> Spawn,"pwd"
> <Some directory>
> IDL> Spawn,"cd .."
> IDL> Spawn,"pwd"
> <Still same directory, because after the cd .., something is reset>
>
> I solved this problem by making an executable file which takes care of
> the directories.
> Spawn,condition?"OneFile":"OtherFile"
> And the executable file OneFile and OtherFile do the same but in a
> slightly different directory.
>
> I actually have no problem with this, but I was wondering if there is
> a nicer way to do this.
>
> Kind regards,
> Joost

Joost,

Use the IDL cd procedure:

```
IDL> spawn,'pwd'  
/home/allan  
IDL> cd,'..'  
IDL> spawn,'pwd'  
/home
```

Thanks,

Allan
