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Subject: SPAWN procedure under Windows NT

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Hello,

I've been slowly migrating my IDL routines from UNIX to Windows NT (without too much pain I might add), but I have recently run into a problem with the SPAWN procedure. I'm running version 4.0.1 and have NT version 3.51 on a Pentium Pro. Basically the manual says SPAWN should work under windows and it does pop up a DOS box and execute the commands properly, however, I cannot get it to return a result back to IDL.

example: SPAWN,'dir /b d:\g2p',list returns list as undefined.

I see the DOS box appear and the listing zoom by. At the end just before the DOS box disappears I see another tiny window (like a dreaded Windows dialog box) pop up but (and I thought I'd never say this) my system is too fast and I cannot read the contents of it before it disappears. Any clues?

Does SPAWN work for anyone who may be using NT? What about Win 95 or 3.1?

Thanks,

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