## Subject: Re: idl -quiet command-line option doesn't work in cron Posted by Bringfried Stecklum on Thu, 23 Jul 2009 18:34:25 GMT

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## Ed Hyer wrote:

- > I created a save file 'routine.sav', and am running it in cron, like
- > this:

> idl -quiet -queue -rt=routine.sav > log.txt

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- > So, in Linux terms, STDOUT is sent to log.txt, and STDERR goes into an
- > email to me from the system. I like this, because I have a guick place
- > to check if anything went wrong.

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- > The reason for -quiet is to suppress the startup message, which goes
- > to STDERR when you start IDL:

- > IDL Version 7.0.6 (linux x86\_64 m64). (c) 2008, ITT Visual Information
- > Solutions Installation number:.

- > This works from the command line, but when I put it into cron, I still
- > get the message, sent to me in an email from cron.

> Any ideas?

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You have to redirect the output in /etc/crontab, like

# m h dom mon dow user command 25 6 \* \* \* hyer idl -quiet -queue -rt=routine.sav &> /dev/null

to avoid any message being sent to you. If you still want stderr to be mailed just use 1> /dev/null.

Regards, Bringfried