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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:  
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> 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 quick 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.  
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> Any ideas?  
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You have to redirect the output in /etc/crontab, like

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# 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

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