
Subject: Re: SPAWN in 7.1

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 23 Nov 2009 14:23:53 GMT

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david writes:

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> I have a problem with the SPAWN procedure in IDL 7.1 and windows xp.
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> When i try for example:
>
>> SPAWN,'dir ',files
>
> It reports, SPAWN:Unable to capture child process output
>
> If i try:
>
>> SPAWN,'dir '
>
> it works
>
> It seems that is not able to "collect" the result in the variable. Why?
> Anybody else has this problem?
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No, I have no problem capturing output in IDL 7.1 with Windows XP.

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IDL> print, !version
{ x86 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 7.1 Apr 21 2009    32    64}
IDL> spawn, 'dir', files
IDL> print, files
Volume in drive C has no label. Volume Serial Number is A4A5-4936
Directory of C:\IDL
11/19/2009  04:01 PM    <DIR>          . 11/19/2009  04:01 PM    <DIR>
..
05/13/2009  10:00 PM    <DIR>          .metadata 11/01/2009  09:44 AM
3,819,666 20070525092058.ps
04/22/2009  06:34 AM      83,920 69003_prof.nc 11/13/2009  12:46
PM    <DIR>          ActiveContour
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Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
