
Subject: Re: journal call broken with 7.x

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 08 Dec 2009 19:01:58 GMT

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Reimar Bauer wrote:

> does one know a way to call a journal file by idl or idlde for windows
> from the shell?
>
> In the past you were able to do a spawn, 'idlde.exe @my_script.pro' from
> a running idlde.

So you want to run a batch file in another IDL process? So this is not really to do with the JOURNAL command.

I could not get this to work on Windows, but it was fine on Mac OS X. You should be able to get rid of the @-sign from your SPAWN command. When I specified the full path to the idl.exe program and to the batch file, it looked like it found the batch file, but did not run it.

Do you really need to run another IDL process? i.e., it is not good enough to do the following?

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IDL> @my_script
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Alternatively, if this needs another IDL process, could you use the IDL_IDLBridge?

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