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Subject: Re: which stream is prompt written to?  
Posted by [chs11](#) on Sun, 08 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT  
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In article <503f0wypx9.fsf@mbcsg1.sghms.ac.uk>,  
Christian Soeller <csoelle@sghms.ac.uk> wrote:  
> chs11@aloha.cc.columbia.edu (Carl H Sayres) writes:  
>  
>> I need to pipe commands into idl and recieve the output from the stdout  
>> and stdin streams. It all works fine except that I don't receive the  
>> "IDL> " prompt. I'd like this so that I can know when a command has  
>> finished.  
> It's written to stderr. If you say something like  
> un\*x> idl 2>stderr.out  
> you find all the prompts and the startup message in the file stderr.out.  
>  
> So maybe  
> un\*x> idl > named\_pipe 2>&1  
> is what you would want to do (assuming ksh like shell syntax).

Your first example works (idl 2>stderr.out). But if you put a set of  
commands in a file and do this:  
idl < idl.in > idl.out 2> idl.err  
you don't get any prompts! Can anyone explain????

Carl

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