
Subject: Re: which stream is prompt written to?

Posted by [Christian Soeller](#) on Fri, 06 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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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).

Regards,

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