
Subject: Re: Implementing Time-outs in IDL
Posted by [steinhh](#) on Sat, 04 Jan 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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In article <XXX-0301972303470001@biad27.uthscsa.edu>, XXX (Steve) writes:
|> If the daemon server is off-line the spawn command hangs. Is there a way
|> in IDL to cause a command to time-out? I would like my program to continue
|> executing if the spawn command does not return a result in X seconds.

Probably the best thing would be to rewrite your spawned command so that you can start it in the background, piping the results to a file for retrieval by IDL. I.e.,

```
spawn,"daemon > daemon.out &"  
wait,10  
<read file daemon.out>
```

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