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Subject: Re: running IDL as a 'sleeping' process

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If the code shall run at regular times I recommend to use a shell script as a wrapper in combination with cron for the scheduling. At least for Linux this is fairly easy to do. There is no need to keep the IDL process forever in memory.

Regards, Bringfried

desertdryad wrote:

> Hi folks -

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> This is a bit of an ignorant newbie question. I am developing a  
> fairly complex bit of code, that in the long run will ideally entail  
> daily data retrieval from the web, parsing that data and making  
> several calculations, spitting out results, and then going to 'sleep'  
> until the following day, when it all repeats. I'm wondering if this  
> is even something IDL can \*do\*. I'm sure there are better platforms  
> to develop such a sort of program, but I'm hoping not to reinvent the  
> wheel on the development I've done so far (I've built several modules  
> already in IDL for this project). I'm currently worknig under  
> Windows, but it's highly likely this project will be migrating to a  
> Linux OS.

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> Is this sort of daily repeating process in the realm of possibility  
> for IDL to do? Should I be thinking of some sort of 'wrapper' program  
> that calls IDL to do this? I know just enough C/C++ to get in  
> trouble :) but not much of anything like Java and the like. Comments  
> and suggestions welcome. Thanks!

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