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Subject: Re: Is there a way for a routine to know whether it was launched via commandline IDL or from within IDLDE?

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2013 15:41:54 GMT

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Examine the structure output of fstat(-1)

e.g.

idl> print,(stat(-1)).isagui will be true for the DE but not for a terminal

On Thursday, January 10, 2013 8:27:25 AM UTC-5, p\_to...@sbcglobal.net wrote:

> Why I ask is: If a routine is launched from within the DE I would like it to display some info via a gui and if it were launched via a terminal then I would like the information printed out at the terminal. An example would be a progress bar. From the DE a nice gui progress bar shown and from the terminal just a textual output of percent complete.

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> I was looking for a system variable that had this info but could not find one. Hopefully there is a simple solution and I'm just not seeing it.

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> Pete

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