
Subject: Re: spawn not working

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Am Dienstag, 14. Mai 2013 03:24:32 UTC+2 schrieb anand:

> Hi,

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> I am using IDL 8.1 on ubuntu 12.10. Additionally, I use SolarSoft, which is a package containing several libraries relevant to solar physics. I have to initiate the SolarSoft in IDL by typing 'sswidl' at the command prompt and not the simple 'idl'.

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> The problem I face is that while a simple "spawn, 'ls'" command works perfectly fine while running 'idl', in 'sswidl' the output I get is:

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> IDL> spawn, 'ls'

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> bash: ls: command not found

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> I run the 'sswidl' in C-shell. Whereas 'idl' can be run in both C-shell and bash; and spawn works fine in both the shells.

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> It is not simply about the spawn command, many other programs that run spawn are also not working. Hence, any help would be greatly appreciated.

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> Anand.

Is the path environment variable set?

Check with:

PRINT,GETENV("PATH")

Regards,
Marc
