
Subject: Re: Test if a linux command is available with Spawn
Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Thu, 17 Oct 2013 12:56:31 GMT
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On 16/10/13 14:08, Fabien wrote:
> Is there a "more general way" to do this?

I would do it this way:

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IDL> spawn, 'ls awoiefsdkf 2>&1 ', asdf
IDL> print, asdf
ls: cannot access awoiefsdkf: No such file or directory
```

This forces the STDERR output into the STDOUT output. It works regardless of if and what the command chooses to print where.

Please note that I only said the I would do it this way, not that it is an elegant way of doing this.

Anyway, I thought this should be pretty general. Then I remembered that shells other than bash exist. So, one would have to do both bash and csh versions. Or force /bin/bash. Sorry.

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