
Subject: pick up Linux aliases in IDL

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This might be more of a Linux than an IDL question, but it has been driving me crazy. I've started working on a Linux cluster, and I define aliases in a .cshrc file. One alias might be

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alias lt "ls -lt"
```

These aliases work fine at the shell, but when I get into IDL and spawn the command (IDL>\$lt) it is not recognized.

lt: Command not found

Some additional information:

1. System aliases (those defined in /etc/profile_d) *are* recognized within IDL
2. If I spawn a child process in IDL (IDL>\$), then the aliases are again picked up at the system prompt.
3. I have a Linux cluster at my old job, where the aliases *are* picked up in IDL. I have yet to figure out what is different between the two Linux setups.
4. I tried using IDL83 and IDL85 in both command line mode and idlde on the new cluster, and in no case can I pick up my personal aliases. I've also tried using bash (defining aliases in .bashrc) instead of c-shell without success.

Thanks for any help. --Wayne
