
Subject: Spawn Pipes

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Any other unix 5.3 users out there have trouble reading from file units spawned as pipes to a command? Try this procedure:

```
pro simp
  cmd='ls'
  spawn,unit=un,cmd
  line=""
  while 1 do begin
    readf,un,line
    print,'GOT: ',line
  endwhile
end
```

For me, almost every run results in an IDL segfault, though occassionally it will work.

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