
Subject: SPAWN and IMAGEMAGICK

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Hy cracks..

I'm using IDL5.5 under LINUX REDHAT 7.2 (we got not yet IDL5.6..but Xmas is coming) and I'm confronted with a pretty strange thing...

If I call the Imagemagick tool mogrify using SPAWN like this in IDL

```
SPAWN, 'mogrify -geometry 45% /home/mydir/pic.jpg '
```

everything works fine...BUT if I'm using the same call in an IDL batch file, which is started by a crontab job (also running in background), this imagemagick command will not be executed.. I also tried

```
command='mogrify -geometry 45% /home/mydir/pic.jpg &'
print,command
SPAWN,command,/SH
```

and also

```
SPAWN,['mogrify -geometry 45% ', "/home/mydir/pic.jpg"],/NOSHELL,
```

but no gain...only pain

any idea? would be a nice Xmas present...

Cheers

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Staying as far away from the problem as possible.

- G. Archer, World Bank
