
Subject: Redirect STDOUT

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Is it possible to redirect the output that normally is sent to my xterm to somewhere else, like a string array? I'm writing a widget program where the top level widget is large enough that both it and the xterm won't fit on the screen. So the xterm gets covered up, and the user has to switch back and forth to see what IDL is printing.

I'm really looking for some all encompassing system variable that I can set at the beginning of the program. I realize I could get most of what I want by changing print statements, and other tricks. But as the program is already almost completely written, I'd rather not have to go back and alter every print command. Additionally, there are some cases where I'm calling other routines, and changing things there is not an option.

A question similar to this was asked back in 98, and I think the conclusion then was that is not possible. My hope is that something has changed since then.

Thanks
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