Subject: IDL from crontab going defunct?
Posted by Ken Knapp on Tue, 01 Jul 2003 18:30:54 GMT

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Hi
I run IDL from the crontab and run into problems.
Sometimes the idl process hangs ... "ps -ef" shows a "defunct" process.
I first couldn't figure what causes it, so I went home. Then after some
more investigation (as Mom says, quitters never win and winners never
quit...) thought it my be a couple "spawn" calls, well I removed them to
no avail.
Here's the thing, sometimes the batch file is processing along, but when
it starts IDL, it just sits there (never even running my IDL_STARTUP
file). The output is:

...
... (previous output meaningless-to-you is clipped) ...
/disk3/pub/kknapp/goes/US/20031821815 is missing
/disk3/pub/kknapp/goes/US/20031821845 is missing
IDL Version 5.6a (linux x86 m32). (c) 2002, Research Systems, Inc.
<EOF>

That's it. Could it be hanging at the license manager? The usual output
after the IDL version line is an Installation number and License line.

Any help would be greatly appreciated
Thanks!
-Ken

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