
Subject: stderr and unix exit status of IDL runtime applications

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Dear all,

When running an IDL application under unix with

`idl -rt=app.sav`

I encounter two strange behaviours of IDL:

The first thing is that the application print IDL messages to stderr, instead of stdout, e.g.

IDL Version 6.2 (IRIX mipseb m64). (c) 2005, Research Systems, Inc.

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% Restored file: IDLRTMAIN.

% MY_ROUTINE: bla bla

does IDL not distinguish between stderr and stdout?

The second thing is that the unix exit status of this `idl -rt=app.sav` command is 0 irrespective of the success of the application.

Are there any system variables that can be set to manipulate this behaviour?

Thanks a lot for any input

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