
Subject: Re: giving input to fortran program using spawn in IDL

Posted by [jelliott.itvis](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 16:07:44 GMT

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Check out the CALL_EXTERNAL function. You can pass parameters from IDL to routines in fortran

On Sep 24, 7:05 am, ramm...@gmail.com wrote:

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Subject: Re: giving input to fortran program using spawn in IDL

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 16:17:48 GMT

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PRINTF your inputs to that file unit. That can be very subtle however, so it's better to use the above construction if you can.

If you have windows, I'm less well informed.

Good luck,
Craig

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Subject: Re: giving input to fortran program using spawn in IDL
Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 16:38:55 GMT

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It does work well under windows too... I have used it a couple of weeks ago.

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Jean

Subject: Re: giving input to fortran program using spawn in IDL
Posted by [jeffnettles4870](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 19:07:40 GMT

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On Sep 24, 12:17 pm, Craig Markwardt
<craigm...@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:

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Windows supports that kind of redirection as well.

Subject: Re: giving input to fortran program using spawn in IDL
 Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 03:00:25 GMT
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My first idea would be to use a separate binary file that you can read

with unformatted I/O. Or, in a pinch you can just use formatted I/O.
Avoiding premature optimization and all that.

Craig

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Subject: Re: giving input to fortran program using spawn in IDL
Posted by [vino](#) on Fri, 26 Sep 2008 08:41:54 GMT
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Hi I dealt with this issue a couple of months ago. I too wanted to
transfer an array data from IDL to Fortran for processing and pass it
back.

I simply wrote an outfile from IDL, which fortran uses as an input
parameter file. And it worked well for me.

Here is what i did:

forprint,result,text='data.prt',/silent,/nocomment ;The variable
result contains the array that are the inputs of fortran and
these ;are stored in a file data.prt.

spawn,['./fortran.f'],/noshell, result ;Here the variable result
contains the output from fortran. I used the no shell keyword
to ;increase the speed.

Hope it was useful,

regards,

