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Subject: spawn not working

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Hi,

I am using IDL 8.1 on ubuntu 12.10. Additionally, I use SolarSoft, which is a package containing several libraries relevant to solar physics. I have to initiate the SolarSoft in IDL by typing 'sswidl' at the command prompt and not the simple 'idl'.

The problem I face is that while a simple "spawn, 'ls'" command works perfectly fine while running 'idl', in 'sswidl' the output I get is:

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IDL> spawn, 'ls'
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bash: ls: command not found
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I run the 'sswidl' in C-shell. Whereas 'idl' can be run in both C-shell and bash; and spawn works fine in both the shells.

It is not simply about the spawn command, many other programs that run spawn are also not working. Hence, any help would be greatly appreciated.

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