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Subject: SPAWN bash commands

Posted by [stefan.meingast](#) on Sat, 21 Sep 2013 22:36:26 GMT

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If I execute the same SPAWN command in the bash, it works fine, so here the executable is missing.

Does anyone know how I can make these calls work?

thanks :)

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Subject: Re: SPAWN bash commands

Posted by [stefan.meingast](#) on Sat, 21 Sep 2013 22:46:50 GMT

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Ah, one more thing:

This happens only in the IDLDE, when I login to IDL with the bash and then execute, it's fine...

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Subject: Re: SPAWN bash commands

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Sun, 22 Sep 2013 01:37:30 GMT

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Stefan <[stefan.meingast@gmail.com](mailto:stefan.meingast@gmail.com)> wrote:

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I'm guessing a system path issue. Try:

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spawn, 'echo $PATH'
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Subject: Re: SPAWN bash commands

Posted by [stefan.meingast](#) on Sun, 22 Sep 2013 06:49:05 GMT

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Ah you are right. The system variable is is fully set in the bash, but not in the IDLDE. Now, do you also know how I can fix this? :)

thanks

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