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Posted by [Tim Patterson](#) **on Fri, 30 Aug 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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In article <32272F74.6EEA@raptor.lpl.arizona.edu>,
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On IDL 4.0.1 on SunOS 4.1.4:

Units -1 and -2 appear to be stdout and stderr. Output of print goes to -1 while the IDL prompt, command line, and system messages go to -2.

Unit 0 I'm not sure of. Could be /dev/null.

Tis a shame it's not consistant among architectures.

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Eric Korpela | An object at rest can never be
korpela@ssl.berkeley.edu | stopped.

[http://www.cs.indiana.edu/finger/mofo.ssl.berkeley.edu/korpe la/w"](http://www.cs.indiana.edu/finger/mofo.ssl.berkeley.edu/korpe la/w)

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On a digital unix alpha with idl 4.0.1b:

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So no crash, but no error message either.

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Subject: Re: Minor bug in 4.0.1 for Win95

Posted by [Brian C. Ballard](#) on Mon, 02 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: Minor bug in 4.0.1 for Win95
Posted by [robert](#) on Tue, 03 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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Same on IRIX5.3. As a point of note, we have -2 for stderr, -1 for stdout,

and finally, just for information,

IDL> print,!journal

0

(system variable !journal: "A read-only long-integer variable containing
the logical unit number of the file used for journal output" Online help)

So what is !journal set to undef W95?

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Subject: Re: Minor bug in 4.0.1 for Win95

Posted by [M.Reuss](#) on Wed, 04 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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The Users'Guide for IDL 3.0 says that under Unix,
file units 0,-1, and -2 are tied to stdin, stdout, and stderr,
respectively.

Under VMS, these units are tied to the equivalents
SYS\$INPUT,SYS\$OUTPUT, and SYS\$ERROR.

The Release Notes for IDL (version 3.*) for Windows say that these
three numbers are tied to stdin, stdout, and stderr, too.

I don't know whether there have been major changes to this in IDL 4.* .

Isn't there a good documentation any more?

Matthias Reuss
