
Subject: Strange UNIX or strange IDL?

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IDL> print,!version
{ sparc sunos unix 5.1 Apr 13 1998}
IDL> pwd=getenv('PWD')
IDL> print,pwd
/disks/sprite/disk1/hfrey/idl/image/wic
IDL> pwd=getenv('pwd')
IDL> print,pwd
```

IDL>

With the name argument of getenv set to capital letters I get the right answer, but in small letters 'pwd' returns the null string. However, if I use the same command on the UNIX platform I get

```
image1 [1] pwd
/disks/sprite/disk1/hfrey/idl/image/wic
image1 [2] PWD
PWD: Command not found
```

and UNIX does not like the capital letter 'PWD'.

Any explanation?

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