Subject: Re: SPAWN command bug Posted by Craig Markwardt on Tue, 29 May 2001 03:45:38 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

LUH WILLIAM < luhw@ecf.utoronto.ca> writes:

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> Hi, I'm having trouble with using really long commands with spawn. Here's
> an example:
> strCommand = "c:\program files\spectral\spec.exe" ' + $
          string(x) + ' ' + string(y) + ' "' + strOutput + '"'
>
> where x = 25, y = 25 for example
>
> Now call Spawn, strCommand:
... remainder deleted...
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Isn't there a limit to the number of characters in a DOS command? I thought it was 127 or 128. This implies that no matter what you do, you won't be able to execute a long command even to COMMAND.COM. when you type it to a COMMAND.COM window?

Even if this limit has been enhanced under Win Me/9x, it's possible that IDL is using some older, more limited version of the interface.

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