
Subject: SPAWN command bug
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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:

Case 1:

for strOutput = '.\OUT\output.dat', everything works fine.

Case 2:

for strOutput =
'c:\program files\spectral\develop\debug exe\output\first\output.dat', I
get
this error message:

% XMANAGER: Caught unexpected error from client application. Message follows...

% SPAWN: Error executing spawn command.

A device attached to the system is not functioning.

There appears to be no problem with SPAWN in case 1, and after I quit case 2, I can still call SPAWN without any complaints. I suspect it's because the command string strCommand is too long, since for shorter strOutput it works, however after reading the help for SPAWN, I did not find anything about a limit on the string length of command. Are there any workarounds to this problem?

Thanks,
Will
