
Subject: Re: Input parameters in a DOS menu driven routine.

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"Luciano" wrote

- > I have a fortran exe file which I run, then I have to input some
- > parameters and finally I obtain a result (this all happens of course
- > in a DOS window).

- > Now, how can I do this from IDL? I can call the file with Spawn but
- > then how do I input the parameters? I was trying to Spawn a batch file
- > wich runs some programs I found on the web which simulate pre-defined
- > keystrokes, but all of them have the problem that no more than 15
- > keystrokes could be passed (I need more than 15)...

Do you have access to the source? I think it will be easiest to modify the source to either accept command line parameters or read the params from a file. My guess is that if you have gone this far you don't but I had to ask.

If you don't... Hope that you can find one of these programs that allows more than 15 keystrokes. I am pretty sur this is your only option.

- > Of course there is also the question on how do I take the final result
- > of the fortran routine back to IDL...

If you can use spawn, spawn can return the result:

```
IDL> spawn, 'echo hello there', out
IDL> print,out
hello there
```

-Rick
