Kenneth Bowman wrote:
> In article <c9qlvd$b8q$1@news01.cit.cornell.edu>,
> Jonathan Joseph <jj21@cornell.edu> wrote:
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>> One of the reasons FILE_SEARCH is so nice though, is that it doesn't run
>> up agains the OS limit on argument list length. If I try to do an ls
>> with a wildcard (like *.txt) and specify the full path, I get
>> "/usr/bin/ls: Arg list too long." Currently, if I actually cd to the
>> directory, I won't get that particular error, but as files continue to
>> accumulate, that may not be true for much longer.
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> I think this is a shell (not an OS) limitation. I believe the solution
> (under unix systems), is to use find instead of ls.

I've had the same problem. Liam Gumley pointed me to a solution he uses to remove all the
files in the given directory tree which have not been modified in 7 days and whose names
begin with AM1:

find /modisnfs1/ftp/pub/daac -mtime +7 -name "AM1*" -exec /bin/rm -f {} \;

I've adapted this to to wot I needed. Works well.

paulv