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Subject: Re: Running DOS-based programs from IDL  
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IDL has a built in CD command you can use to change directory without resorting to SPAWN. Something like this will probably do the trick:

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CD, 'c:\folder', CURRENT = owd ; cd and save old working directory
SPAWN, 'program.exe'           ; spawn program
CD, owd                        ; cd back to the old working directory
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-Mike

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