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Subject: Re: building loops at the command line

Posted by [George N. White III](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:52:45 GMT

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On Tue, 14 Dec 2004, David Fanning wrote:

> russ writes:

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>> Why not, just out of interest? I do it all the time because i can test

>> sections of code quickly without compiling and running. I am prepared

>> to believe there is some pitfall I am missing, but what is it?

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> The annoyance that builds up when I single ampersand goes

> missing and you have to start over at the first line

> can get to a flash point. There are numerous reports

> in the literature of otherwise friendly dogs getting

> kicked, ear-shattering blasphemous screams, and -- in

> one instance--a marriage falling apart, as a result.

Then there are the informative error messages one gets with a little caret pointing to the exact location of your error somewhere in half a screen of wrapped text.

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