
Subject: Re: Length of command line input
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On Thu, 03 Aug 2006 10:00:04 -0700, TimLS wrote:

- > I couldn't find the answer to this in the online documentation but
- > perhaps someone has seen this before, or can suggest a good work
- > around.
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- > I have a procedure which takes lots and lots of keywords, many of which
- > are really long filenames, e.g.
- > test_program,input1='really_long_filename1',input2='really_l ong_filename2',....
- >
- > Eventually IDLDE running under linux decides that it has had enough and
- > essentially only accepts the first 500 characters (approximately) that
- > have been typed into the command line. (Trying to run it as a batch
- > file has the same effect).
- >
- > Is there a limit on the length of the command line, and is it possible
- > to extend it anyhow?

Yes, there is a limit, and I believe it's 512 characters, depending on device. You can turn off IDL command line editing with !EDIT_INPUT=0, which should make the limit "infinite", but this also disables command line "background" processing of widget events. You can always compile it to a main level routine as well.

JD
