
Subject: Re: Length of command line input
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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?
- >
- > Thanks, Tim

I think there is a limit to the length of the command line (I thought
256 characters
but I could be wrong.)

To solve your problem, how about

```
f1 = 'really_long_filename1'  
f2 = 'really_long_filename2'  
f3 = 'really_long_filename3'  
etc.
```

```
test_program,input1=f1,input2=f2,....
```

-Larry
