Subject: Re: call\_procedure with a dynamically created arguments list? Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 06 Oct 2006 21:34:35 GMT

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## Dometz writes:

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> I have already discussed this with a few of you but wanted to see if
  anyone else might know a way of doing the following:
> Is it possible to do something like:
>
> foo = "bar"
> bla = 'blu"
> args=[]
> if (N_ELEMENTS(foo) ne 0) then
    args=[args, foo]
> if (N_ELEMENTS(bla) ne 0) then
    args=[args, bla]
>
>
 CALL_PROCEDURE('some_proc', args)
>
> So, the goal is to build dynamically an arguments list that will be
> passed in to CALL_PROCEDURE, CALL_FUNCTION or CALL_METHOD. (I want to
> avoid EXECUTE)
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Do you mean that your statistical sample of responses it too low to calculate a meaningful sample error? Or, do you want to know what happens when they guy who is going to use your program falls off his bike on the way to the office and hits his head and passes parameter two into the function as parameter one in his confusion?

I have to admit, I am totally confused as to what you want from us. It's a five line program. We have covered just about every possibility here, from normal to malicious users. What is it you think we have missed?

If you want an dynamical list of arguments, use a pointer array. But to what purpose? To avoid a possible error? Forget it. Your crazed bicyclist will screw you up every time.

Cheers,

David

## P.S. Maybe it's just me, but I feel like I'm on the set of Groundhog Day. :-(

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")