
Subject: Re: Virtual machine question

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Sun, 15 Jun 2008 14:39:35 GMT

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On Jun 14, 3:58 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> clivecoo...@gmail.com writes:

>> So i have a virtual machine application and i want to be able to pass

>> a path to it when i run it. So for example,

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>> pro software, data_path

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>> blah

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>> blah

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>> end

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>> i then save this as a virtual machine program -> software.sav and i

>> run it as,

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>> idl -vm=path+software.sav

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>> So my question is how do i pass the data_path?

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> You can't pass it directly into the program in the way

> you are trying to do it. Rather, you have to use a

> -arg command line switch on the IDL command you are using

> and pass it that way.

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> Inside your program, you can recover the command line argument

> (or arguments) using the function `COMMAND_LINE_ARGS`.

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> See the on-line help for "command line switches" for details.

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> Cheers,

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> David

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

You can also use environment variables, if appropriate.
