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Subject: Re: not so IDL related... Command line auto-feed  
Posted by [Bruce Bowler](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 16:49:30 GMT  
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On Mon, 07 Jul 2008 17:00:07 -0600, Jean H wrote:

> Hi all,  
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> sorry for the misuse of this forum... though one of the smart here may  
> be of great help!  
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> Ok, I have to process about 200 files though a program called dem2xyzn  
> (for USGS DEM files). This program runs only under windows (and dos),  
> and have basically no support. You start the program, then it ask for  
> the name of the input file, then for the name of the output file, then  
> if you are sure you want to continue etc.  
>  
> I want to automate all of this...  
> There seems to be no way of specifying the parameters values (input,  
> output) when calling the program.  
>  
> Is there a way to have a text being written in the current dos window?  
> something that would look like, in pseudo-code:  
>  
> -call the program  
> -write input1  
> -write input2  
> -write any letter to tell the prog to continue =start again with another  
> set of input?  
>  
> I have tried to do a batch file, but the "write input1" get executed  
> after the program has resumed...  
>  
> Any help of hints would be greatly appreciated!!! Jean

Assuming the program uses standard input, you should be able to create a  
file, called input.txt (pick a name, any name) that looks  
like this.

```
infile  
outfile  
x
```

then run the program like this

```
program < input.txt
```

If you then wrap a loop around the whole thing, it should be a piece of

cake.

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