Subject: Re: not so IDL related... Command line auto-feed Posted by jeffnettles4870 on Wed, 09 Jul 2008 00:21:46 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

On Jul 7, 7:00 pm, Jean H < ighas...@DELTHIS.ucalgary.ANDTHIS.ca> wrote:

> Hi all.

- > 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.

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- > 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:

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- > -call the program
- > -write input1
- > -write input2
- > -write any letter to tell the prog to continue
- > =start again with another set of input?

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- > 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

Are you doing everything (including specifying input & output parameters) at the command line? If so, you might be able to stick the input parameters in a text file (1 param per line) and do the same for any output params. Then run a command like this:

program_name <input_params.txt >output_params.txt

This is just redirecting standard input and standard output, but last time i checked (admittedly, this has been quite a while) you can still do it at the windows command prompt.

Hope it helps,

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