Subject: Re: not so IDL related... Command line auto-feed Posted by jeffnettles4870 on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 21:28:36 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

So is all of this happening at the command prompt? If it is, you might try making a text file with each line being the input that the program needs, then call the program with something like this:

program name <input params text file.txt >output text file.txt

This is also specifying a file to capture the output, which you may or may not need.

What i'm doing here is just redirecting standard input and standard output. Hope that somehow works....it's been a while since i used that kind of thing (anyone remember ATREM?)!

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