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Subject: Re: unix/idl question

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On Mon, 22 Jun 2009, a wrote:

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> Hi
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> I am having a problem that i want to delete many files with the 'raw'
> extension in folder temp
>
> in unix
>
> cd temp
> rm *raw
> /bin/rm: Argument list too long.
>
> ok, so
>
> cd temp
> ls -l | grep raw | awk '{print $9}' | xargs rm
>
> works ok
>
> but I have to be in the directory to do it
>
> I want to do the same from idl and not being in the temp directory
>
> ie
>
> spawn,'cd temp'
> spawn,'ls -l | grep raw | awk '{print $9}' | xargs rm '
>
> but the first spawn does not leave me in the temp directory
>
> any ideas?
>
> Thanks
>
> Russ
>
>
```

```
find /tmp/ -name '*raw' | xargs rm
```

or (for files with whitespace in the names):

```
find /tmp/ -name '*raw' -print0 | xargs -0 rm
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regards,  
lajos

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