
Subject: unix/idl question

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Hi

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

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