
Subject: Re: SPAWN and strings

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On 5 nov, 15:53, Heinz Stege <public.215....@arcor.de> wrote:

- > Does it work, to write the 2nd filename without any quotes:
- > SPAWN,"C:\Program Files\myDir\myProg.exe" C:\directory name with
- > spaces\myFile.h5'
- >
- > On my windows
- > spawn,"C:\Program Files\IrfanView\i_view32.exe" D:\my dir\my
- > photo.jpg'
- > is working.

No, I already tried. That's because the program I use (HDFView) is expecting 0, 1 or more arguments, each one separated by a space. In your case it would try to open 3 files :

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D:\my
dir\my
photo.jpg
```

So we have on one hand a valid IDL string (I can compile a routine containing it and print it). On the other hand exactly the same command can be used manually in Windows shell (cmd.exe) using copy/paste.

BUT using it as argument in SPAWN causes malfunctions with double-quotes (").

As I said earlier, using the /NOSHELL keyword (thereby bypassing the use of a shell, see IDL Help) solved the issue.

Anyway, thanks for your help !
