Hi All,

I've come across a bit of a bizarre problem:

I have a routine that loads data from ~10^6 individual files and partway through processing the list IDL stops being able to locate the files with file_search (I don't know the names of the files ahead of time).

It seems that the IDL session is locked out of the system completely, it can't locate and compile routines like read_ascii, can't connect to the X server to open graphics windows and I can't even retrieve a directory listing with

spawn, ls

or

$ls

This is where it returns "Can't create pipe."

Does anyone have any idea what's going on? I have version 8.2.1 on 64 bit linux (Ubuntu 12.04).

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