
Subject: Re: Passing strings by Spawn
Posted by [Andy Heaps](#) on Fri, 18 Apr 2008 12:18:32 GMT
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Hello Alex,
have you tried using EXECUTE?

```
var1='var_to_pass'  
com='execname'+', var1'  
PRINT, com  
res=EXECUTE(com)
```

Cheers
Andy

Subject: Re: Passing strings by Spawn
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 18 Apr 2008 16:57:40 GMT
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On Apr 18, 5:48 am, alex...@gmail.com wrote:

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> some way to make Spawn like my variables more?  
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Just make sure the variable names are not quoted:

```
spawn, 'myprog ' + var1 + ' ' + var2
```

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Posted by [Anthony\[1\]](#) on Fri, 18 Apr 2008 17:31:57 GMT
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Is it something like this, or have I misunderstood?

```
spawn, 'exe_name ' + string_arg_1 + ' ' + string_arg_2
```

Cheers,

Anthony

Subject: Re: Passing strings by Spawn
Posted by [alexbaz](#) on Mon, 21 Apr 2008 15:04:03 GMT
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Thanks a lot, quite a blond moment by me.

Cheers,Alex
