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Hi,

Have been banging my head on this. I have not found a way of executing a file that has parentheses in its name on Windows.

Say the file is "test.bat" and it lives in "c:\Tcl\bin\a(b)". It contains: echo Hello

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exec c:/Tcl/bin/a(b)/test.bat
'c:\Tcl\bin\a' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
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```
set f [open |c:/Tcl/bin/a(b)/test.bat] ; close $f
'c:\Tcl\bin\a' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
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set f [open |"c:/Tcl/bin/a(b)/test.bat"]; close $f
'c:\Tcl\bin\a' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
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exec {"c:/Tcl/bin/a(b)/test.bat"}
couldn't execute "'c:\Tcl\bin\a(b)\test.bat'": no such file or
directory
```

The weirdest of all:

```
cd c:/Tcl/bin/a(b)/
exec test.bat
'C:\Tcl\bin\a' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
```

From the Windows command line:

```
C:\Documents and Settings\user\Desktop>c:\Tcl\bin\a(b)\test.bat
'c:\Tcl\bin\a' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
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But if we quote it:

```
C:\Documents and Settings\user\Desktop>"c:\Tcl\bin\a(b)\test.bat"
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```
C:\Documents and Settings\user\Desktop>echo Hello  
Hello
```

Any ideas? I am going crazy over this. This comes in part from people installing programs on c:\Program Files (x64) on 64bit versions of Windows

Thanks in advance for any insight you can provide

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