GNU/Linux Administration - Bug #485

/bin/rm Argument List Too Long Error

12/04/2014 04:39 PM - Daniel Curtis

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Description

I came across a problem delete a massive amount of individual files, the error displayed the following:

    /bin/rm: Argument list too long.

After doing a bit of research online I came across a neat solution to work around this issue.

```
cd /path/to/directory
find . -name '*' | xargs rm
```

Resources

- http://www.simplehelp.net/2009/02/18/linux-tip-overcoming-the-binrm-argument-list-too-long-error/

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