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Effective May 18th, a general purpose command, GENCØM, will be available. This command calls any specified command with any binary pattern for arguments. The command:

GENCØM NAME oct1₁ oct2₁ oct1₂ oct2₂ ... oct1_n oct2_n

(where NAME is the name of a command and oct1₁, oct2₁, oct1₂, ..., oct2_n are fields of six octal digits) will start the command

NAME arg₁ arg₂ ...arg_n

where each argument, arg₁, is a binary word whose octal representation is the pair of octal fields, oct1₁ oct2₁.

This command can be used when dealing with a file which has unprintable characters in its name, provided one knows the octal representation of the name.