

# Tru64 pipe buffer size

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Managers,

Is there any way to alter the buffer size used for the pipe (|) command on Tru64?

We have a third-party tool which writes line-by-line to terminal device, but when its output is piped it seems to be buffering the data in chunks of approx 4KB at a guess.

For example, assuming each line represents ~1.5K of data:

```
./foobar
```

```
a
```

```
b
```

```
c
```

```
d
```

```
e
```

```
f
```

```
end of data
```

```
./foobar | tee outfile
```

```
a
```

```
b
```

```
c
```

```
<20 minute wait>
```

```
d
```

```
e
```

```
f
```

```
end of data
```

thanks,

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