Apple Business Systems Technical Notes

AS004: AppleEvent data limits

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The AppleEvent programming interface has a built-in limit of 32K for returned data. This affects AppleSearch, because it is unable to return larger amounts of data. In release 1.0, if the data returned is greater than 32K, then the call is never returned and the client is never notified.

Because of this, it is important to keep the data returned by AppleSearch through the AppleEvents API to under 32K bytes, which allows for roughly 300 items.