Subject: Re: Starting ftp from IDI

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Martin Fuhrer wrote:

> Hi IDL Experts

- > I'm writing an IDL application and I want to create a button which
- > starts a ftp-based file transfer automatically. The address of the
- > host and the user name can be hardwired somewhere in the code.
- > I've tried to start ftp from the command line and I got the following
- > error message:
- > IDL> \$ftp myhost
- > (myhost::myuser:) login: Access of user wdenied.

> Any hint on how to implement this feature is very appreciated by

We've addressed this exact same question. This is the approach we've taken. An IDL procedure writes out a temporary shell script containing the proper commands, e.g.

#!/bin/csh cd /mydir ftp -n << done remote.computer.address user username password cd /mydir ascii put my.file "my.file" quit done

Then we spawn the commands

SPAWN, "source temporary.file", junk SPAWN, "rm temporary.file", junk

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