
Subject: Re: Access to serial ports

Posted by [Brad Gom](#) on Wed, 11 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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David R. Wyble wrote:

> Looking through the IDL documentation, I do not see anything pertaining to
> communication ports. Did I miss it, or is this possible?
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> I know, this might make code somewhat (!) less portable, but it would really
> help if I could do this. Either PC or a Mac works for me; I play on both teams.
>
> Thanks for your help,
>
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in terms of real time support, I think you're out of luck. I write my IO programs in C, and then analyze the data in IDL. You can write small C programs that are callable from the IDL SPAWN command, and also call IDL from windows based programs, but direct control of the ports is not possible. Too bad, because this would at least double IDLs usefulness for me.
