
Subject: Re: Infering who the user is?

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rgs <dejastockwell@my-deja.com> wrote in message
news:7nkrp3\$foc\$1@nnrp1.deja.com...

> Greetings IDL ones,

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> I'm a WinNT weenie, but would like to

> find out how to identify a user when

> the user starts an IDL procedure, on both

> NT and UNIX OS.

Under NT get the value (IDL procedure GETENV) of the environment variable
USERNAME.

Under Win95/98 (which you didn't ask about) USERNAME is not set
automatically on login, but it could be set in autoexec.bat.

Environment variables are case-insensitive in Windows.

With Unix the corresponding variable appears to depend on the shell, e.g.
LOGNAME in the C shell and USER in the bash shell, so I guess trapping the
output of whoami is the most general solution.

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