Subject: Re: Printing on Win platforms
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Bernard Puc (bpuc@va.aetc.com) writes:

> I predominantly work with IDL on unix systems. But now I have a
> routine that needs to be able to print text on a win95/98 platform as
> well. On unix, I would create a temporary file with the text to be
> printed and then do SPAWN, 'lpr '+tempfilename to print the file. Is
> there an equivalent method for win?
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> How about a better method for either?
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> (Dave, do you cover this in your updated book?)

No I don't cover it, but I like to use a little piece of
freeware named PrintFile for these purposes. It is easily
configured to print PostScript or text files. It is written
by Peter Lerup and can be found here:

   http://hem1.passagen.se/ptlerup

To print a text file from within IDL on my Windows NT
machine, I can type this:

   IDL>Spawn, 'Start C:\"Program Files"\printfile\prfile32.exe testfile.txt'

Cheers,

David
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