Subject: Re: Printing on Win platforms
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Bernard Puc wrote:
> 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?

Ah the good old days when I drove MSDOS. How about this:

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cmd = ''
case !version.os_family of
  'Windows' : cmd = string(filename, format='("copy ", a, " prn:")')
  'unix' : cmd = string(filename, format='("lpr ", a)')
  else : message, 'I don't know how to print on this platform', /continue
endcase
if (cmd ne '') then spawn, cmd
```

> How about a better method for either?

I'll have to think about that.

Cheers,
Liam.
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