
Subject: SPAWN and windows

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Hi all, especially the members of the expert-programmers' association,

I am almost ready to release my IDL webmaker tool in its first version, but there are still a few things I need to clean up. One thing that bothers me currently is how Windows behaves when I spawn a command: I need to create several directopries and copy several files in webmaker, and for each spawned command, WINdows opens a DOS Window, flashes the result of the executed command at me and closes it again. Besides getting you close to crazy watching it happen on the screen, it also seems to allocate quite a few system resources which, apparently, are released only much later. Is there a way to spawn simple DOS commands without opening a window? In an earlier post I saw something like spawn,'start <programname>' -- would this help?

Thanks for any answer, win your EPA award!

Cheers,
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