
Subject: Re: Printing a text file.

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Mark Rivers wrote:

>
> John Copley <john.copley@nist.gov> wrote in message
> news:cf9627bd.0112040940.4d2a9de7@posting.google.com...
>> I am looking for ways to print an ascii text file from within an IDL
>> application. I need to be able to do this for unix, windows and macos.
>> Unix is not a problem: I spawn a command such as "lpr -Plp0 filename".
>> With Windows the best I have been able to come up with is to spawn a
>> command such as "c:\windows\notepad.exe /p filename" which is not very
>> elegant (and nor is the printout). I haven't yet investigated
>> possibilities for macos.
>
> With Windows I print Postscript files by spawning "print
> /d:\\server_name\printer_share_name file_name.ps"
>
> You should be able to do the same with text files.
>
> Mark Rivers

Hi Mark,

My original text printing macro written for Win 95/98 was quite happy to do this sort of thing.

But with the advent of Win2000, something in the way our printers were set up on our Novell cluster screwed that right up. Totally bambozzled our system guys. Hence I resorted to a third party utility, PrintFile, to achieve what should have been so simple...

I believe DF is a great fan of PrintFile.

Andrew

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