Subject: Re: DIALOG_PRINTJOB and DIALOG_PRINTERSETUP Posted by James Kuyper on Thu, 14 Feb 2002 15:49:03 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> James Kuyper (kuyper@gscmail.gsfc.nasa.gov) writes:

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- > Leaving aside descriptions for the moment (although I
- > do seem to recognize this from my own writing as the
- > kinds of words you choose if you are waving your hands
- > while you are searching your vocabulary), I think the
- > dialogs are certainly operating system specific, and
- > probably vendor specific. In other words, what comes
- > up depends on what was installed when the printer was
- > installed.

That much I could figure out; what I don't understand is why they needed two of the things.

- > I suspect IDL has as much control over it as it
- > does over DIALOG_PICKFILE, for example. As such, it
- > is awfully hard to explain. I typically use DIALOG PRINTERSETUP
- > because that gives the use lots of options, and if they
- > hit OK, I just assume they know what the hell they are
- > doing. What else can you do?

I've placed both a "Print Job" button and a "Printer Setup" button on my application's menu bar. I did that as a temporary measure while I tried to figure out which one I wanted to use. Based on your answer, I guess I'll keep them both. Hopefully, the user will be able to figure out by experimentation which one to use.