
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@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.