
Subject: Re: DIALOG_PRINTJOB and DIALOG_PRINTERSETUP
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James Kuyper (kuyper@gscmail.gsfc.nasa.gov) writes:

- > What exactly is the difference supposed to be between DIALOG_PRINTJOB
- > and DIALOG_PRINTERSETUP?
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- > About the only difference I can see between their descriptions is that
- > DIALOG_PRINTJOB is supposed to set the "parameters", while
- > DIALOG_PRINTERSETUP is supposed to set the "properties". I have no idea
- > what that's supposed to mean.
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- > On my particular system, "JOB" is a tiny dialog, which allows me to
- > select whether or not to use compression, the scale, and the number of
- > copies. "SETUP" is a much bigger dialog, that covers both scale and
- > number of copies, but not compression, and a whole lot of other things.
- > Apparantly "compression" is a parameter, "scale" and "number of copies"
- > count as both parameters and properties, and every thing else is a
- > property. Huh?

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.

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?

Cheers,

David

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