
Subject: Re: ftp protocol

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Mon, 22 Nov 2004 06:31:43 GMT

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I admit to putting some work into an FTP client, but I will also admit it is not fully featured. Neither time nor funds have allowed for such exercises. It's for that reason that I (and by inductance RSI) am not releasing the source, or even the stand-alone functionality, to the general public.

Getting a full-featured version of an FTP or HTTP client into IDL proper is a non-trivial task requiring an act of sales and product marketing, with the associated engineering, documentation, QA, and tech support.

What you see on the codebank is what you get. No warranty. No merchantability. The webimage application offers only the ability to look at a street scene in Boulder, Colorado (among others), when the camera's on, and your internet connections are working.

That's why the HTTP and FTP clients, such as they are, live a happy, functionally challenged, anonymous life in the codebank, embedded in a larger application whose behavior is moderately-well-defined. By me.

If you have a time-critical need for a feature in an RSI product that just isn't there presently, RSI's Global Services Group often has the ability to provide such support. (<http://www.rsinc.com/gsg> sorry about the shameless plug.)

If you can wait a release or two for a feature in a product such as IDL or ENVI, you should contact your RSI sales person who will advocate on your behalf with product marketing. These folks ultimately make the decisions about what's in and what's out. Sending a note to my good friends in RSI's tech support organization (support@rsinc.com) is also a good way to ensure your request is entered into the appropriate decision-making stream.

Jim P.

"Andrew Cool" <andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au> wrote in message news:c6d70400.0411211804.44a3d2c9@posting.google.com...

> Robert Barnett <retsil@zipworld.com.au> wrote in message

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>> I was wondering if anyone has written a full implementation of a FTP

>> client?

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>> I've hacked together my own one for use in distributed computing, but I
>> was keen to eventually write something which might be useful for others.
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> Hi Robbie,
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>> I was wondering if anyone has written a full implementation of a FTP
>> client?
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> RSI has. But they're being a little tight fisted with it. Something
> about wanting \$\$\$ for it.
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> If you download from the RSI User Contrib site Jim Pendleton's
> webimage program, and do a Help,/Source once you've Restored the SAVE
> file, you'll see a host of http/ftp Object routines.
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> You might want to email RSI and add some pressure to get their
> http/ftp
> package released, either as is, or in the next version of IDL maybe.
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> Cheers,
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> Andrew
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