
Subject: Re: copying text to the system clipboard

Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Sun, 20 Feb 2005 21:23:57 GMT

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On Mon, 21 Feb 2005, Mark Hadfield wrote:

> Benjamin Hornberger wrote:

>> is it possible to copy text from an IDL variable to the system
>> clipboard? Specifically, I would like to copy a string array into
>> a multi-line text which can be pasted into Notepad or wherever.

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>> I found David's 'clipboard' routine, which does it for graphics

>> windows.

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> I think your best bet is to write your string array to a temporary

> file, then open that file in your text editor with a call to

> SPAWN. From there you can copy and paste to your heart's content.

Yes on OS X. Use the pbcopy & pbpaste system utilities. You can either open a pipe and write directly to them, or write to a tmp file as suggested above and then spawn another command piping/cat-ing the tmp file to pbcopy.

I would guess Linux has similar command line interface to the clipboard. I don't know about Win.

-k.
