
Subject: Re: Checking for perl
Posted by [Ingo von Borstel](#) on Wed, 07 Mar 2007 15:27:59 GMT
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Hi,
Ben Panter wrote:
> David Fanning wrote:
>
>> Maybe you could search the PATH environment variable for "perl":
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>> IDL> thePath = GetEnv('PATH')
>> IDL> IF StrPos(StrUpCase(thePath), 'PERL\BIN') NE -1 \$
>> THEN Print, 'PERL is allowed'
>>
>> PERL is allowed
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>> Cheers,
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>> David
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> Thanks David - unfortunately that fails under linux when perl is aliased
> rather than in the path. I think I probably just have to accept that I
> need to write a multi-os code.

You could check for the OS type using the system variable !version.os_type
Depending on the result you could implement a check whether it's in the
path (windows) or spawn a 'whereis perl' or evaluate the result of "ls
-R /usr | grep 'perl' " (unix / linux). In the latter case, of course,
it might happen, that a whereis command isn't available and the method
using 'grep' may take quite some while.

Maybe that are some ideas to work out?

Best regards,
Ingo

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If you need an urgent reply, replace newsgroups by vgap.
