
Subject: Re: Checking for perl
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 07 Mar 2007 14:46:28 GMT
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Ben Panter writes:

> My code runs on linux with spawn quite happily, but I'd really like
> to also have it run in windows. On my xp laptop this is fine - I have
> perl set up, and it's happy to be spawned. The problem comes, of course,
> when I give the code to someone else. I'd like to be able to safely
> check whether perl is installed, and if not return a *device
> independent* warning that the action wasn't possible - without crashing
> the code.... any ideas?

Maybe you could search the PATH environment variable for "perl":

```
IDL> thePath = GetEnv('PATH')
IDL> IF StrPos(StrUpCase(thePath), 'PERL\BIN') NE -1 $
    THEN Print, 'PERL is allowed'
```

PERL is allowed

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
