
Subject: Re: IDL Workbench Path Woes

Posted by [Spon](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 17:21:39 GMT

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On Apr 2, 5:34 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Spon writes:

>> As I'm currently in the grip of evangelical fervour induced by a

>> re-reading of JD Smith's (in)famous oration -

>> <http://www.dfanning.com/tips/forloops.html>- I've discovered that you

>> can replace the FOR loop by using TRANSPOSE; like this:

>

>> Print, Transpose(StrSplit(!PATH, Path_Sep(/SEARCH_PATH), /Extract))

>

> JD, of course, is famous, but hardly anyone reads (well,

> finishes) his articles. I, on the other hand, am not

> famous at all, but a lot of people have read the nonsense

> I've written. The difference between us is the

> energy differential given off by the human brain when

> they read a line of code like that compared to my humble

> PrintPath program. :-)

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> Cheers,

>

> David

> --

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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)

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

Butbutbut...

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theSeparator = Path_Sep(/SEARCH_PATH)
```

```
theStringArray = (!Path, theSeparator, /EXTRACT)
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```
theStringColumnArray = Transpose(theStringArray)
```

```
Print, theStringColumnArray
```

...and suddenly you'd be hard pushed to spot JD's influence at all ;-)

I think you're selling yourself short, David!

Chris
