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Subject: Re: sending email via idl?

Posted by [jeffnettles4870](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 15:07:42 GMT

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On Jun 5, 4:57 pm, jeffnettles4...@gmail.com wrote:

> On Jun 5, 1:13 pm, "Haje Korth" <haje.ko...@nospam.jhuapl.edu> wrote:

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>> <http://www.beyondlogic.org/solutions/cmdlinemail/cmdlinemail.htm>

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>> (Google has tons of hits for this.)

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>> H.

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>> "Andy Heaps" <a.j.he...@reading.ac.uk> wrote in message

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>> news:g289p9\$4du\$1@south.jnrs.ja.net...

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>>> Hi Sudha,

>>> try using the SPAWN command and you should be able to do this.

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>>> Cheers

>>> Andy

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>>> sudha wrote:

>>>> Has anyone had any experience in writing an idl program to send email?

>>>> My software needs to have the ability to email an image attachment,

>>>> either when the user clicks a button, or as a notification at the end

>>>> of some computation.

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>>>> Thanks!

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>>>> Sudha

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> You could also install cygwin. That's free and i think it includes

> sendmail. You might also think about spawning a perl or python script

> from IDL, something along those lines.

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> As far as ActiveX/COM goes, I haven't heard of there being a control

> for a "default mail program." There might be such a program but it

> might still not have any COM functionality exposed. Outlook, of

> course, does expose COM functions, so if you have Outlook you can use

> that.

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> Another free SMTP mailer is Blat.<http://www.blat.net/194/>. I just

> did some searching on the web, I do not use this myself.

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> Jeff

I forgot to point out that I don't think you would need the IDL-COM bridge for this. If you have IDL 6.3+ it has IDL objects that allow you to work with ActiveX/COM controls (they existed pre-IDL6.3 but were improved in that version). I've read/written data directly to/from Excel files using those controls and I don't have the IDL-COM Bridge.

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