
Subject: Re: Opening a desktop folder from within IDL
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 04 Jan 2009 01:32:17 GMT
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Jeff N. writes:

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> On Jan 2, 7:41=A0pm, "M. Katz" <MKatz...@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> From within IDL (without using a DLL) is it possible to open up a
>> given folder on the desktop?
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>> I know that on Mac OSX, you can do this
>> =A0 spawn, 'open /Users/'
>> =A0 spawn, 'open ' + complete_path
>>
>> What would the equivalent Windows and Linux commands be?
>>
>> I am interested in doing this so I can give users a GUI button that
>> quickly opens a "target" directory where output files are written.
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>> Thanks, M.
>
> On windows you could use
>   spawn, 'explorer ' + complete_path
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Mattia Vaccari suggests one or the other of these possibilities might work on a LINUX box:

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spawn, 'xdg-open ' + complete_path
spawn, 'gnome-open ' + complete_path
spawn, 'see ' + complete_path
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Cheers,

David

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