
Subject: Re: File Delete -- Friggin A!!

Posted by [penteado](#) on Sun, 07 Feb 2010 08:59:37 GMT

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On Feb 7, 6:20 am, munka <mynameismu...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Feb 5, 3:50 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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>> Kenneth P. Bowman writes:

>>> Is that a long way of saying "operator error"?

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>> Well, not exactly. It's a little more complicated

>> than that. :-)

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>> Cheers,

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>> David

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>> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")

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> just add spawn,'rm *' and all the files will be deleted! Even the

> ones you don't want deleted! problem solved!

Not necessarily. If the files are open, the OS may put a lock on them, to keep them from being written or erased by other applications, until IDL releases the lock by closing the files. Also, unless Windows has at some point started accepting rm in the command prompt, that would not work, as in DOS the command was del. Further, the remove command might ask for confirmation, which would not be provided spawn.
