
Subject: Re: File Delete -- Friggin A!!
Posted by [munka](#) on Tue, 09 Feb 2010 22:16:05 GMT
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On Feb 7, 2:59 am, pp <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Feb 7, 6:20 am, munka<mynameismu...@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> 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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>>> --
>>> David Fanning, Ph.D.
>>> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
>>> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>
>>> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")
>
>> just add spawn,'rm *' and all the files will be deleted! Even the
>> ones you don't want deleted! problem solved!
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> 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.

Oh! Well I'm used to working on mac, which allows that particular unix
command
