## Subject: Infering who the user is?
Posted by R.G. Stockwell on Tue, 27 Jul 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Greetings idl ones,

I'm a WinNT weenie, but would like to
find out how to identify a user when
the user starts an IDL procedure, on both
NT and UNIX OS.


Is this possible under unix?
Can I do something like cd ~ and
grab the folder name, or spawn and
call whoami?  Actually, nevermind,
I'll spawn and call whoami.

Is there a more general solution?

Is user ID possible under WinNT?
As a general solution, is there an
IDL system variable that holds this info?

(searching for "user" or "who" or "system"
is about as useful as searching for
the letter "e")


thanks,
bob

"Thou shalt not worship false IDLs"

## Subject: Re: Infering who the user is?
Posted by Mark Hadfield on Wed, 28 Jul 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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rgs <dejastockwell@my-deja.com> wrote in message
news:7nkrp3$foc$1@nnrp1.deja.com...
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Under NT get the value (IDL procedure GETENV) of the environment variable
USERNAME.

Under Win95/98 (which you didn't ask about) USERNAME is not set
automatically on login, but it could be set in autoexec.bat.

Environment variables are case-insensitive in Windows.

With Unix the corresponding variable appears to depend on the shell, e.g.
LOGNAME in the C shell and USER in the bash shell, so I guess trapping the
output of whoami is the most general solution.

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