
Subject: Re: Running DOS-based programs from IDL
Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Tue, 24 Aug 2004 23:01:48 GMT
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SPAWN, 'program.exe' ; spawn program
CD, owd ; cd back to the old working directory
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-Mike

Subject: Re: Running DOS-based programs from IDL
Posted by [i-kant](#) on Wed, 25 Aug 2004 15:09:05 GMT
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Michael Wallace <mwallace.no.spam@no.spam.swri.edu.invalid> wrote in message news:<10ini6t71ss6p33@corp.supernews.com>...

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OK, that did the trick.

Thank you,

Edwin
