
Subject: Checking for perl

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Hi Folks,

I've got a little routine that takes a postscript file and, using perl, changes the title from 'Graphics produced by IDL' to something more meaningful. I find this makes it much easier to tell what a minimised window is, and helps identify the filename in a gv window when I want to email a result.

My code runs on linux with spawn quite happily, but I'd really like to also have it run in windows. On my xp laptop this is fine - I have perl set up, and it's happy to be spawned. The problem comes, of course, when I give the code to someone else. I'd like to be able to safely check whether perl is installed, and if not return a *device independent* warning that the action wasn't possible - without crashing the code.... any ideas?

Other options I'm yet to explore would be using IDL itself to do the replacement...

Cheers!

Ben

The perl command I use goes along the lines of:

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command="perl -e 's/%%Title: Graphics produced by IDL/%%Title:
"+new_title+"/' -p " + filename + " > bp_pstitle.temp"
command2="rm "+filename
command3="mv bp_pstitle.temp " + filename
```

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spawn, command
spawn, command2
spawn, command3
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or you could try ben at ^^^^^^^^^^^^^
