
Subject: Re: Cross-platform PWD
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Tue, 02 Jun 1998 07:00:00 GMT
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Andy Loughe wrote:

- >
- > Greetings,
- >
- > Be the first to email me the answer to this question...
- > it took me over 30 minutes to figure it out... and I will
- > post your name as "IDL GENTLEMAN/LADY OF THE DAY".
- >
- > What is the simplest "cross-platform" method for
- > obtaining the present working directory?
- >
- > P.S. It is not... spawn, 'pwd', pwd & print, pwd
- > but the syntax is very close to this.

Prepare yourself, this is pretty profound:

```
cd, current=curdir
```

The Online help implies that this works across platforms (or at least doesn't say it doesn't).

Dave

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Andy Loughe (afl@cdc.noaa.gov) writes:

- > The IDL GENTLELADY OF THE DAY is...
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- > Date: Tue, 2 Jun 1998 15:19:57 -0700 (PDT)
- > To: afl@cdc.noaa.gov
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>
> Cathy Campo
>
> Congratulations, Cathy!

Now hold on a minute. Cathy got that out of my book! :-)

David

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> David
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David,

I guess I need to read your book more carefully! ;-)

Heretofore all my development has been on a Unix box,
so I am now beginning to learn to write code that can
run on multiple platforms. A new and fun challenge!

I have written some useful widget tools for the folks
here at NOAA-CIRES/CDC, and chapters 10-12 of your book
have been *very* helpful.

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