

Re: Q: ISQL Utility and DOS commands

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xp_cmdshell just echoes back whatever output your command-line program returned. (Except for that NULL line

that for some reason was introduced in SQL2K.)

Check out the second parameter for xp_cmdshell: no_output

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"Richard J" <RichardJ@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

news:F002A813-DAAF-443A-94F0-12323BAAA0A8@microsoft.com...

> Thank both of you for the tips.

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> I executed the xp_cmdshell and that does seem to do the trick. However, I

> am getting some very strange output.

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> I will get the word 'output' followed by four or five blank lines. Then

> four lines of dashes will appear, followed then by the first message line.

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> Again, there will be four or five blank lines, the word NULL, and then four

> or five more blank lines and then the word 'output'. Then it repeats itself.

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> Any ideas on what is causing this? And more importantly how to get rid of

> this? It does make the xp_cmdshell proc rather unusable.

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> Thanks.

> Richard

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> "Hugo Kornelis" wrote:

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> > Hi Richard,

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> > The !! command is interpreted by the isql utility itself and never sent to

> > the server. Execution is unconditional. The server will receive the RETURN

> > line directly after the BEGIN line. Since there is no GO in between, this

> > is all part of one batch, so I expect the !! commands to be executed even

> > before SQL Server starts counting rows in Table1 and Table1_TMP.

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> > Though you didn't ask, you're probably interested in an alternative for !!

> > that will allow conditional execution. I think you'll have to use

> > xp_cmdshell for this. Note that xp_cmdshell will be executed on the

> > server, in the security context of the SQL Server user account, whereas

> > the !! commands are executed at the machine where isql is started, in the

> > security context of the user running isql. Make sure that you're aware of

> > the potential security loopholes of xp_cmdshell.

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> > Best, Hugo  
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> > (Remove _NO_ and _SPAM_ to get my e-mail address)  
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