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"R Dunn" wrote in message news:e4zY8myQEHA.2408@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
: The Riddler was a great Batman villain, and should refrain from assisting
: people with scripting/programming/technical questions in the Microsoft
: Newsgroups where clarity is key.

I would agree that clarity should be a goal but more times than not, the OP (original post(er)), is anything but. You know, I left out something that I should have included in that last post. I have seen two posts, from "name", that I thought were hostile and I also am quite often confused with the response.

: Educating myself:

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: I know you aren't stating this,

Correct. The messenger should not be a target.

: but isn't that what I'm doing by posting
: questions here?

Actually, that's unclear. Your [anyone's] motive is usually not a variable unless it's an obvious "help me do my homework" question. If you're seeking an answer, we really do not have a way of knowing if you just need the answer or you're seeking educational information unless specifically stated. [Disclaimer] I'm not rating this question, but generalizing all requests for help.

: I've done the due diligence of looking for the answer on the
: 'Net, and I can find numerous entries for 'browse for folder' (and have
: since implemented), but I am not a programmer, and I assume 'browse for
: user' requires calls to certain APIs which I am not familiar with.

Yes, it may require an application rather than a script for this type of functionality. I mistook browse to mean "file" not "user."

: So, as a

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: result, I'd rather see an example and mutate it to my own needs. After all,
: this is how I learned vbscript in the first place (and HTML back in the : day).

I actually RTFM, as I still do then research examples if I get stuck or find it to be in error.

: As far as the 'ridiculous' nature of the OP:
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: I'm pretty sure that 'name' missed the point entirely. If he/she knew what I
: was referring to by 'browse for folder' object, then he/she would have
: understood 'browse for user.'

Well, I didn't associate folder with user either, so it appears I also missed your point. I cannot speak for "name" other than by assumption as I have done.

: It shouldn't need any extra clarification
: unless 'name' doesn't know what I'm talking about, in which case, then
: 'name' probably doesn't have the answer that I need.

Since I've never seen "name" have a dialog, that I can recall, but I doubt one could conclude that a misunderstanding proves one is not capable of providing an answer, had they understood. But, it would prove they have not provided a correct answer if they have a misunderstanding.

: If so, then, well, it
: wastes 'name's' time and mine by posting such ridiculous quasi-profound
: technical jibberish.

It wastes yours, but "name's" goal is unknown. The goal could be to waste your time, therefore, success achieved. Or it could be just to get a response?!

: It was a very specific question regarding a specific
: object/function of Windows, and couldn't really have been any more clear
: without confusing the issue and becoming too wordy (like this post will
: invariably become). If the post is not clear, then perhaps 'name' can say
: something to the effect of "posting and glass are polar opposites, use
: windex then pose your need" or something along those lines...

I usually shorten it to "huh?"

: Here's what I'm referring to:
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: Vbscript calls a function that brings up the *sigh* 'browse for user'
: window – – – for example, when selecting users for security or permissions
: functions – – – when you've finished with the window, it will return a
: variable that contains the username/group that I've selected. I believe

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that

: it also might be called 'select object.'

I'm sorry but that doesn't ring any bells.

: Regarding 'name's' future status as a techno-philosopher:

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: 'Name's' answers do not amuse me on any level.

If you're the recipient of one of "name's" posts, then you're not alone.

: Humor and confusion is not

: the reason I come to these NGs and post questions. Usually, I've exhausted

: all other means, and newsgroups is the last bastion of useful information

on

: the 'Net. Conversely, if I've seen that 'name' has responded to another

: post, and if I know any information about the OP, then I'll respond

because

: I feel sorry for the person that posed the question in the first place for

: having to wade through 'name's' answer.

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: It pretty much goes without saying (but I'll say it anyway), but I don't

: have the time to translate her/his posts to find the hidden answer – as

I'm

: sure many others here do not have that time either. If I want to play

: "Where's Waldo" with the answer that I need, I'll try and Google it again.

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: Well, anyway – there's my .05 cents

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: This was not directed at you Roland, I'm just clarifying my opinion on

this

: subject.

No problem. The clarification helped.

I just offered my opinion re: "name's" responses that I have read. Some, to me, are absolutely hilarious, especially when I do see the answer within.

Granted it's frustrating, and probably adding to a certain level of frustration, since you have already been working with the issue for a some time.

I feel the same when I see a response to a post with just a link without a supporting comment as to what the link refers to. For the OP, that's probably ok but for others, it may be a complete waste of time, especially when it is related to NG netiquette.

Probably the only thing I could offer you Rob is to try to see if there is an alternative to the way you're approaching your situation so perhaps a remedy can be found. A solution to the specifics of your request, as I understand it to be, is not something I am familiar with. The only way I know how to call up a dialog, for a list of users, is within an application,

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like ADU&C. Now, can the users be gathered and can you then create your own popup list? I believe that to be more of a possibility.

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