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Duh, what's a "batch file"?

Seriously, one of the great things about using Windows is that I rarely write batch files, and the only case I still use sets up an environment variable for the awk compiler I have so the awk runtime can be found (AWKPATH=), and invoking the awk compiler with the long list of switches and options required. In a reasonable world, this information would be specified once. Some day I'm going to write a little program that does this for me automatically, and remembers the settings in the Registry for each project (not this week, though; after browsing email and newsgroups, it's Tax Prep Time Again...)

One of the things I universally detested about Unix and Unix philosophy was that you could use scripts to do everything. Scripts and pipes were the answer to every problem. There was a time when I could tell you about the quoting conventions in three kinds of Unix shells that were required to make the scripts run at all, and the disaster was that if a script returned nonzero, all you knew was "something failed" but you had no idea which of the many steps *actually* failed, and consequently what state the data ended up in. Half of my scripting code was trying to figure out how to return appropriate error notification to the caller of the script, and clean up whatever mess the failure left behind.

There was a time in my life when I was really interested in scripting languages of all sorts, and had even written a few. With Windows, I no longer have to care at all about them, and I like it that way.

joe

On Wed, 13 Feb 2008 15:03:21 -0800, "Tom Serface" <tom.nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Yikes, someone actually still uses batch files :o) Sorry, hadn't considered that.

Tom

"David Ching" <dc@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:IuKsj.7089\\$5K1.181@xx](mailto:news:IuKsj.7089$5K1.181@xx)

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Agreed, however with Windows it is often difficult to know what you are returning "to" or "from" so it's less likely that people will use return codes and, instead, use some sort of interprocess communication scheme. Of course, you can wait for objects that you ShellExecuteEx(), but I even find that to be klunky.

But your GUI app could just as well be invoked from a batch file... which of course halts until the program returns. This is pretty common, actually.

-- David

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