

Re: Booming or Fuming? Are You Alive? Or Are You Fading Away?!

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> *On Fri, 5 Nov 2004, guard wrote:*

> *[snip]*

> > *But there are also significant numbers of SysAdmins*

> > *around the world that use only the Completely FREE*

> > *Advanced Library and our other FREE tools to help*

> > *avoid fuming. And they also enjoy great success!*

Great! Let's hear from some of them!

<snip>

> > *Most, but not all, SysAdmins would like to learn more about*

> > *automating repetitive tasks through scripting.*

Quote your sources for these statistics, please. Most of the ones I know that might seem to otherwise fall into this category would be as turned off by either the klunkiness of style of your offerings, your attitude, or both than they already are by CMD itself. I would like you to demonstrate that someone with a strong enough desire to become an effective admin scripter could do so using your products *without* learning much of the underlying CMD platform. And where will they be when they actually at some time have to do some actual batch coding when your library is not available for some reason.

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> > *The working environment that is typical for the extremely*

> > *limited group of active posters and answerers to a worldwide*

> > *Internet Newsgroup is NOT AT ALL SIMILAR to the daily*

> > *trials experienced by those who read the group but never*

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So, what's the big deal with that? Should people be interested in getting advice only from those with the same working environment? I am afraid there are not enough in mine for me to have learned what I do know only from them.

> *If *anyone* else's environment is even remotely similar to mine*
> *then I offer them my sincerest condolences.*

LOL...

> > *ask anything for fear of being publicly humiliated if*
> > *they didn't "Google" properly before asking their question.*

Yes, there are some people who seem to occasionally go a bit overboard with the sarcasm. But suggesting people google in those cases where that would have been their best choice is only offering them appropriate assistance. Sometimes I do tell people not what they think they want to hear, but what I think might help them.

Then there are those who profess to know "the one true way" and whose self-assumed high level of knowledge somehow makes it not only acceptable, but reasonable, to insult EVERYONE NOT USING HIS PRODUCT. Come back down among us you cheeky ***** (expletive deleted).

<snip>

> > *What makes shell scripting the platform of choice*
> > *is it's pervasiveness. The simple truth that a*
> > *well-documented cross-platform shell script will*
> > *run on ANY NT-based system, right out of the box,*
> > *is a very powerful reason for solving problems*
> > *this way.*

Cross-platform or not, it certainly is a good thing to have scripts written generally enough that they are not machine, user, or even windows-version specific. That's the kind I often write, and, like many others, I do so without your products. I would like to see such a one written using systemguard by someone who is otherwise incable of doing so with straight batch.

> *That's not cross-platform. (See above.)*
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> *And, if your solution is for NT systems only then it may be*
> *appropriate for alt.msdos.batch.nt but not for alt.msdos.batch*
> *(but I think you have been told this before).*

Good luck getting through the thick skull.

<snip>

> > *The Command Library builds on the existing software*
> > *base (Cmd.exe and it's associated utilities) and the*

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- > > *prevailing knowledge base (basic batch file skills)*
- > > *without requiring new tools or new skill sets. Code*
- > > *that is written using the library is self-documenting*
- > > *and easily maintained, even by those with limited*
- > > *knowledge and/or time.*

Crap. There is no programming platform of any type, any where, that cannot be obfuscated by those without some kind of rudimentary grounding in the principles.

- > > *With our Sure Foundation, we are, one by one, replacing*
- > > *the need for a toolbox full of small .exe utilities with*
- > > *A SINGLE .cmd FILE that provides the same features in a*
- > > *CONSISTENT format.*

Reminds me a bit of the saying about having one's eggs all in one basket.

/AI