

DDE Script Processor

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This program takes a text file (preferred extension .dde) of DDE commands and posts them to the specified DDE Server. You will, of course, need to know what DDE commands your DDE Server can handle. The scripting language is pretty minimal at present. I hope to improve this for version 1.0. If you have any problems or suggestions please e-mail me. This version of the software is FreeWare, but not Public Domain - I reserve my rights to this code. This program is supplied "as-is", and I take no responsibility for damages arising out of the use of or inability to use this package.

Usage

The program is very simple to use. The file menu has an entry "Run Script" which allows you to specify a script to run. The menu bar has an entry "Abort" which allows you to stop a script that is still running. In addition, a .dde file can be specified on the command-line.

.DDE Script format

Each line is passed to the currently active DDE Server as a single command, except those that immediately begin with %%. If you need to pass a command to the DDE Server which begins with %%, precede the command with a space (leading and trailing space are stripped before passing the line to the DDE Server). So far only the following commands are recognised by the Script Processor.

%%% {Comment}

Used for commenting a script. e.g
%%%This will be ignored.

%%OpenServer {[ServerName] [TopicName]}

Activates a new DDE Server. The DDE Server application must be running. Only one DDE Server can be active at any one time. Both ServerName and TopicName are optional, although missing either or both could mean that the wrong Server is opened, or the Server is opened in the wrong mode.

%%CloseServer

Deactivates the active DDE Server. Note this does not close the application.

The following script sets up a Program Manager group:

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%%% Setup Sample Script (setup.dde)

%%OpenServer ProgMan ProgMan
%%% Sets up DDE conversation with Program Manager

[CreateGroup("DDE Script Processor")]
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%%% Creates new group

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[AddItem("ddescript.exe", "DDE Script Processor")]
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%%% Creates new icon

%%CloseServer

%%% Closes Program Manager DDE Conversation