How the data transportation is accomplished

Unbeaten Path’s Lickety-Split software interactively transports spreadsheet data into the IBM i green screen application that would otherwise be used to manually keypunch that data. If you click on the purple ink link and go to the third page of that URL, you’ll see approximately a dozen application ideas for the software.

It’s a fact that every time we present a GoToMeeting demonstration of Lickety-Split, one more application idea comes up.

Some of the applications Lickety-Split can handle are simple single-screen operations. Others are as sophisticated as populating order headers and a variable number of detail order lines associated with each header.

Accelerating the Lickety-Split implementation process

The 93 page Lickety-Split Users’ Guide does a very thorough job of explaining how to develop scripts that accomplish the interactive data transportation. It’s a screen-shot-by-screen-shot, no shortcuts description of how to do it.

Some Lickety-Split licensees have proven that the Users’ Guide is sufficient. Others prefer more help. NoSeams is our service offering for Lickety-Split licensees who:

☑️ want to get a faster start than reading a long users’ guide, or …
☑️ are looking for experienced insight to get past some puzzle/technical jam, or ……
☑️ want to delegate the script preparation process entirely, or ……
☑️ once the script is working, would like to entirely automate the execution of that script.

Description of NoSeams professional services

Unbeaten Path’s NoSeams service offering provides expert-level skills to develop, test, and deliver Lickety-Split scripts for iSeries green screen applications. UPI technicians have plenty of practical experience developing Lickety-Split scripts. We can do the simple ones very quickly and we can do the complex ones with high quality.

The support can be provided in the way you feel is most convenient. For example, we can come along side you with a GoToMeeting session and sort out any stumbling blocks in a script you are working on. At the other extreme, we have performed turn-key assignments to deliver scripts that are designed, written, and tested in our development environment.

The scope of our work can include sophisticated Excel support, including smart data extraction from iSeries databases to serve as the starting point for Lickety-Split script development.
Automating Lickety-Split scripts

Once Lickety-Split scripts for green screen applications have been in use, some of our clients want to automate the launch and execution of those scripts. For example, one client wanted to run a script at midnight every work night without having to get out of bed and fire up his PC.

Unbeaten Path is proficient at macro-scripting which encapsulates and automates the entire script launch and execution process. That includes:

- Opening and signing on to the appropriate Client Access session.
- Positioning the green screen environment to the proper program to accept data transported by Lickety-Split.
- Selecting, opening and launching the appropriate Lickety-Split script.
- Closing down the session once the data transport has finished.

Here’s the typical user response to achieving that:

“Wow, that’s slick !!! ”

The macro-script is usually delivered as a compiled executable that resides on your PC. Other delivery approaches can be designed depending on your preferences.

Important caveats

Unbeaten Path’s internal PC/IBM i development environment is probably very, very similar to your set-up. But even a 0.001% difference in screen appearance can cause a script we develop and thoroughly test in our office to fail once it is delivered to your company. Therefore, remote access to a green screen application test environment on your system is almost always necessary to overcome unanticipated and/or invisible-to-the-inexperienced-eye differences between the system environments.

One more thing is worth mentioning in this “caveats” section. Especially with respect to the full automation macro-scripting service, due-diligent attention is needed to keep Excel file names and spreadsheet storage locations and script library contents locked down. If a customer’s IT staff is fine-tuning attributes like that while Unbeaten Path is simultaneously trying to get a script going, that will certainly make it much harder to achieve objectives.

Questions ?

Click here to see overview information about Lickety-Split software.

It would be a privilege to answer any questions about our NoSeams consulting services. Here’s Unbeaten Path International’s contact information:

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