

## Re: Post using Query String

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First, I don't think IE or any other normal web browser will accept post data from the command line. You could fudge something like this: Use runtime to open:

<file://c:/temp/foo.html?post-data-here>

--foo.html:

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<form action="actual-webserver" method="post">
<script language="javascript">
  // parse the data sent from the query string,
  // create new "input type="hidden" objects, add to the form
  // submit the form when done
</script>
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In other words, you have to have another server (or html file) convert from GET to POST.

As for your 2nd question, you can use the `URLConnection` or `HttpURLConnection` to connect to a web server, then use `doOutput()` and `getOutputStream()` to send the data in post format. I'm sure someone's written something to make that a little easier, but it's fundamentally very simple.

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bconroy@ritchiecapital.com (Bo Conroy) wrote in message news:<b2c82121.0403161201.1f284439@posting.google.com>...  
> *I want to open up a web page from a java application in a new process using the Runtime.exec method. The problem is that the web page I want to open needs parameters passed to it via the POST method. Is there any way to use the query string to pass parameters and tell the server that a post is being done simply through a URL?*  
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> *My second question is the fallback if this cannot be done. I have not found yet how to open a URLConnection in a client application and do an HTTP Post to a URL. Any suggestions on where to look for that?*  
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> *Thanks,*  
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> *Bo*