
Subject: Re: using octal codes for special characters
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davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:

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> Craig (Scrooge) Markwardt (craigmnet@astrog.physics.wisc.edu) writes:
>
>> Soapbox: May I recommend that *nobody* use double-quote octal codes in
>> their new IDL programs. They are abominable to look at, can be
>> ambiguous, and are confusing. The fact that the second quote never
>> appears is particularly insidious.
>>
>> The "single-quote" form is not much better, but at least it is
>> consistent in the sense that there are two matching quote characters.
>>
>> These two expressions perform the same operation:
>>
>> a = '355'OB ; SINGLE QUOTE FORM
>> a = "355b ; DOUBLE QUOTE FORM
>>
>> I believe the first form should always be preferred.
>
> This takes *all* the fun out of adding octal codes to
> your programs. I'm *completely* against it. :^)
>
> And a Merry Christmas to you, Sir!

Bah! Humbug!

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