
Subject: Re: using octal codes for special characters
Posted by [davidf](#) on Mon, 21 Dec 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Craig (Scrooge) Markwardt (craigmnet@astro.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!

David

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