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Subject: Re: rstrpos: version 5.2 and version 5.3  
Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT  
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Andy Loughie wrote:

>  
> Hello,  
>  
> In their latest software upgrade, did RSI really  
> throw away the RSTRPOS function and replace it with  
> STRPOS(/REVERSE\_SEARCH) ?  
>  
> Would they like to fix all the code I have that uses  
> RSTRPOS? No... I'll go write my own RSTRPOS.pro, thank you,  
> or replace \*all\* my RSTRPOS with STRPOS(/REVERSE\_SEARCH).  
>  
> This kind of non-backwards compatability gives  
> IDL a bad name... I hear the complaint very often  
> from ex-IDL programmers.  
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>

Oh! I do agree!! They should really be more careful in labeling routines  
as  
"obsolete". I think it would be fair to keep a routine as rstrpos in the  
main  
lib path (or replace it by a wrapper which uses the new functionality)  
and only  
change the documentation to tell users there is a better way now so they  
can  
slowly migrate to the new form. In my opinion this worked out not too  
bad with  
these () -> [] array indices...

Believe it or not: some people ned to rerun code only after several  
years of  
IDL development went by!

Cheers,  
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