
Subject: Re: rstrpos: version 5.2 and version 5.3
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davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:

> And, anyway, I consider the use of FORWARD_FUNCTION to
> be an admission of a program structure that is out of
> control. Nothing against it, you just wouldn't find it
> in any of my programs. :-)

FORWARD_FUNCTION is not the best, but I do find it useful in some special cases, like when there is an IDL version dependency. It's a little bit of insurance that I stick at the top of my program file to give more precise behavior.

But I do see what you are saying here: pre-5.3 IDL STRPOS functions don't take keywords. Then your only alternative is to use call_function as suggested.

Craig

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