
Subject: Re: rstrpos: version 5.2 and version 5.3
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Craig Markwardt (craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu) writes:

```
> FORWARD_FUNCTION STRPOS, RSTRPOS
>
>> IF Float(!Version.Release) GT 5.2 THEN BEGIN
>> dot = StrPos(line, ".", /Reverse_Search)
>> ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
>>   dot = RStrPos(line, ".")
>> ENDELSE
>>
>> Although that *seemed* like a good idea at the time,
>> I found that the line won't compile in versions of
>> IDL older than IDL 5.3. :-(
>
> The above FORWARD_FUNCTION declaration should solve your problems, no?
```

I don't think so, because the problem is the keyword. But using JD's Call_Function gets around this with the compiler because the program isn't compiled (which is when the number of keywords is "attached" to the program module) until run-time.

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. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. I don't think I have the energy for another long thread. Let's just write it off as one of my personal quirks. :-)

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