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Subject: rstrpos: version 5.2 and version 5.3

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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 compatibility gives  
IDL a bad name... I hear the complaint very often  
from ex-IDL programmers.

Check it out...

```
IDL> print, !version
{ x86 linux unix 5.2.1L Aug 2 1999}
```

```
IDL> print, RSTRPOS( '/data/data/data', '/')
% Compiled module: RSTRPOS.
% Compiled module: REVERSE.
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```

```
IDL> print, !version
{ x86 linux unix 5.3 Nov 11 1999}
```

```
IDL> print, RSTRPOS( '/data/data/data', '/')
% Variable is undefined: RSTRPOS.
```

```
IDL> print, !version
{ x86 linux unix 5.3 Nov 11 1999}
```

```
IDL> print, STRPOS( '/data/data/data', '/', /REVERSE_SEARCH)
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```

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