
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 compatability 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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