Subject: Re: An IDL STRTOK??? Was: TextoIDL Broken and Gone?
Posted by Nick Bower on Wed, 17 Jan 2001 16:45:15 GMT

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Nice pages - I did look at those originally. There are a couple of important problems though.

You are distributing the separate routines, but have a broken link to the tarball (the preferred method of downloading). So I missed the little "source code" links in the separate routine pages, after finding the main download link didn't work. How about tarring up those rouintes and providing a local link to the tarball? :)

Most importantly however, some information is required on your page that states you are distributing modified versions of the routines - they say v1.2 but they *aren't*. I have the original version 1.2 distribution and it isn't the same (mine has the strtok problem). Maybe call yours 1.21?

This is kinda important because I (and other new users) who are unfamiliar with the strtok debacle will not know that the 1.2 distribution floating around is different to yours, which contains renamed functions.

I didn't know the problem was strtok, so wasted 2 hours trying to read the code for bugs. :-(

If we're worried about breaking the law here by first asking for Matt's permission, well as far as i can see, the copyright doesn't belong to Matt anyway. So since Joern is already distributing.... ;)

Craig - I saw your offer. Maybe if Joern doesn't want to fix up the versioning you could and redistribute on your page?

cheers, nick.

Joern Wilms wrote:

> In article <onbst8eczg.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu>,
> Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:
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>> davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:
>>> Nick Bower (bowern@ses.curtin.edu.au) writes:
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>>>> This really sucks and it's most unfortunate that such a well-known
>>>> package like this has been inadvertently clobbered without a hint of
>>>> documentation.
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> [snip]
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>> Yes, STRTOK was one of the things I mentioned in my rant a few days
>> ago. As I understand, STRTOK, was and is an undocumented built-in
>> function. And obviously, is incompatible with the version in
>> TextoIDL.
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>> I have done a little research. It does indeed seem that Mr. Craig's
>> host of TextoIDL, coma.berkeley.edu has gone off-line. I cannot find
>> him in the on-line UC Berkeley directory, and the Berekely whois
>> server does not respond. His web page is still up
>> (http://astron.berkeley.edu/~mcraig/). Apparently he's a real
>> kayaker.
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> A while back I was in contact with Matthew Craig and we were allowed to host
> textoidl at
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> http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/software/idl/textoidl/index.ht ml
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> I have not heard from him since, but the code on the web-page runs on 5.3
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> Joern
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>> I would be glad to host TextoIDL on my web page. It can be
>> distributed without modifications no problem. However the terms of
>> redistribution forbid changes, so we couldn't fix the STRTOK problem.
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>> Is there anybody here from the UC Berkeley Astronomy department who
>> knows what happened to Mr. Craig? I have sent a note to his former
>> email address. We will see what happens.
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>> Craig
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