
Subject: Re: An IDL STRTOK??? Was: TextIDL Broken and Gone?

Posted by [Nick Bower](#) on Tue, 16 Jan 2001 15:58:07 GMT

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thanks all - i ended up doing a global replace using sed in the textoidl distribution, then not reading the copyright, illegally posted it to this group. oops.

it just took me a few hours to work out that this was indeed the reason it was not working and that i wasn't going insane. i shoulda searched deja first...

nick

Craig Markwardt wrote:

> 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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>> I don't know about documentation, but I do recall now

>> a huge row about it here when IDL 5.3 first came out.

>> And I seem to remember RSI making some concessions

>> about how they name things. And I also, vaguely,

>> recall that this whole textoidl thing got sorted

>> out. Perhaps in the updated version you are looking

>> for. :-)

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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

> TextIDL.

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> I have done a little research. It does indeed seem that Mr. Craig's

> host of TextIDL, coma.berkeley.edu has gone off-line. I cannot find

> him in the on-line UC Berkeley directory, and the Berkeley 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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> I would be glad to host TextIDL 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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