
Subject: Re: bug in stregex?

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Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> writes:

> Vapuser <vapuser@catspaw.jpl.nasa.gov> writes:

>> I don't you, you tell me. Is this a bug?

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>> IDL> tt=stregex('cdefaz','(.*)(a|b|c)z',/extract)

>> IDL> help,tt

>> TT STRING = 'cdefaz'

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>> My understanding of regular expressions says it's a bug. The first

>> '(.*)' should only match up to the 'a' and the second subexpression,

>> since it is *unqualified*, should handle the 'az', i.e. TT should

>> have two parts. tt[0] should be 'cdef' and tt[1] should be 'a.'

>

> Hi--

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> Why don't you try the /SUBEXPR keyword? That seems to do the trick.

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Well, duh! It's amazing what one can learn actually *reading* the help file! ;-)

Thanks for pointing me to my rather obvious mistake.

whd

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NOMINEE, n. A modest gentleman shrinking from the distinction of private life and diligently seeking the honorable obscurity of public office.

-- Ambrose Bierce: The Devil's Dictionary
