
Subject: Re: Escaping Quotes

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 23:55:35 GMT

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Michael Wallace wrote:

> I am having a brain cramp right now and can't even remember the simplest
> of IDL. How do you escape quotes given that you want both single and
> double quotes to appear in the string?
>
> "This string doesn't work"
>
> Naturally, I tried using the standard slash-style escaping you find in
> other languages, but to no avail.

Doubtless there are many different ways to do it, using formatted strings or byte<->string conversion or what-have-you, but the way that seems simplest to my limited brain is to break the problem down into substrings then recombine them:

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IDL> print, "This string mightn'+'"+'t work, but it does!"  
"This string mightn't work, but it does!"
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Ugly, though.

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