
Subject: Re: URL Parsing for wget in IDL
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2007 17:34:53 GMT
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"Ben Panter" <me@privacy.net> wrote in message
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> Hi Folks,

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> Does anyone know of a handy way of parsing URLs in IDL? Or even a nice perl
> script to do it? The situation is that we have a server that can accept SQL
> queries via URL encoding of a get command, which works in the main part but
> falls over with '&' and '+' type syntax.

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> I'll write a regexp version myself if necessary, but it's not trivial - you
> have to ensure the ordering is correct as there are several encodings which
> use characters which would otherwise be replaced.

Hi Ben,

I just stumbled on this yesterday: IDL 6.4 comes with a new function called
Parse_URL. Quoting Online Help:

PARSE_URL returns an anonymous structure containing the disassembled segments of
the URL. The fields in the structure are:

SCHEME
USERNAME
PASSWORD
HOST
PORT
PATH
QUERY

Does that help?

Cheers,
-Dick

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