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Subject: Re: byte/unicode mismatch

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On Thu, 20 Nov 2008 09:23:52 -0800 (PST), mgalloy@gmail.com wrote:

> On Nov 20, 3:19i½am, Reimar Bauer <R.Ba...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

>> Hi

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>> the ascii table is gone.

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>> IDL> print,byte('i½')

>> i½195 188

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>> A char has now two bytes

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>> IDL> help, byte('i½')

>> <Expression> i½ i½BYTE i½ i½ i½= Array[2]

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>> This means all of the fast string replacing routines which are related

>> to iso encoded ascii one byte characters are broken in 7.0

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>> What is the name of the function to convert byte('i½') into 252b ?

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> I guess it is how you type/enter the i½:

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> IDL> u = string(252B)

> IDL> print, u

> i½

> IDL> help, u

> U            STRING    = 'i½'

> IDL> print, byte(u)

> 252

>

> Mike

Probably most readers here don't have an i½-key on their keyboard. So here is another example:

IDL> print,!version

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IDL> mu='i½' ; (the greek letter)

IDL> help,mu

MU            STRING    = 'i½'

IDL> help,byte(mu)

<Expression>    BYTE    = Array[2]

IDL> print,byte(mu)

194 181

The string entered in the workbench command line is encoded in UTF8. Using this string as a title in direct graphics results in a mu preceded by an "A" with a hat. Direct graphics don't like UTF8. It would need string(181b) for a mu.

If I don't miss something, Reimar is asking for a function to convert the UTF8 string to ISO8859(?).

Heinz

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