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Subject: Re: byte/unicode mismatch  
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 21 Nov 2008 10:10:22 GMT  
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That is all orthogonal.

How can I decode and how can I encode?

cheers  
Reimar

Allan Whiteford schrieb:

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> Heinz Stege wrote:
>> On Thu, 20 Nov 2008 09:23:52 -0800 (PST), mgalloy@gmail.com wrote:
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>>> On Nov 20, 3:19 am, Reimar Bauer <R.Ba...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:
>>>
>>>> Hi
>>>>
>>>> the ascii table is gone.
>>>>
>>>> IDL> print,byte('ï¿½')
>>>> 195 188
>>>>
>
>> The string entered in the workbench command line is encoded in UTF8.
>
> Picking up on this point (and the one made by Mike) - it's mostly to do
> with your editor. The workbench seems to be unicode aware so it really
> is passing a two byte representation of ï¿½ into the interpreter.
>
> If I use the simple command line interface running through an xterm
> (X.Org 6.8.99.903) which I guess isn't unicode aware then I get 252 with
> the same version of IDL:
>
> IDL> print,!version
> { x86 linux unix linux 7.0 Oct 25 2007    32    64}
> IDL> print,byte('ï¿½')
> 252
>
> but with the workbench:
>
> IDL> print,!version
> { x86 linux unix linux 7.0 Oct 25 2007    32    64}
> IDL> print,byte('ï¿½')
> 195 188
>
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> I would expect that if you read the character from a file (either as  
> data or in a .pro file) it depends on the program which wrote the file  
> and whether your editor was unicode-aware.  
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> In saying all this, I don't understand unicode properly (does anyone?!?)  
> - I'm just reporting on the fact that it isn't just the IDL interpreter  
> which is the issue, it's to do with the editor which sends the character  
> to the interpreter.  
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> This has already been said - I've just rephrased it using more  
> (unnecessary?) words. I hope it's helpful.  
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> Thanks,  
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> Allan

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