
Subject: Re: str_sep bug
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Phil Williams <williams@irc.chmcc.org> writes:

> I am using v1.9 of str_sep dated December 1995.

Evidently there was a bug introduced somewhere between version 1.3 and 1.9.
Maybe somebody from RSI could comment. In the meantime, here's version 1.3.

Bill Thompson

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; $Id: str_sep.pro,v 1.3 1995/01/06 21:59:22 dave Exp $
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; NAME:
;   STR_SEP
;
; PURPOSE:
;   This routine cuts a string into pieces which are separated by the
;   separator string.
; CATEGORY:
;   String processing.
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   arr = STR_SEP(string, separator)
;
; INPUTS:
;   str - The string to be separated.
;   sep - The separator.
;
; KEYWORDS:
;   ESC = escape character. Only valid if separator is a single character.
;   Characters following the escape character are treated
;   literally and not interpreted as separators.
;   For example, if the separator is a comma,
;   and the escape character is a backslash, the character
;   sequence 'a\b' is a single field containing the characters
;   'a,b'.
;   REMOVE = if set, remove all blanks from fields.
;   TRIM = if set, remove only leading and trailing blanks from fields.
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; OUTPUT:
;   An array of strings as function value.
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; COMMON BLOCKS:
;   None
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; SIDE EFFECTS:
;   No known side effects.
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; RESTRICTIONS:
;   None.
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; EXAMPLE:
;   array = STR_SEP ("ulib.usca.test", ".")
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; July 1992, AH, CreaSo Created.
; December, 1994, DMS, RSI Added TRIM and REMOVE.
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function STR_SEP, s, sep, REMOVE = remove, TRIM = trim, ESC=esc

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spos = 0L
if n_elements(esc) gt 0 then begin ;Check for escape character?
  if strpos(s, esc) lt 0 then goto, no_esc ;None in string, use fast case
  besc = (byte(esc))(0)
  bsep = (byte(sep))(0)
  new = bytarr(strlen(s)+1)
  new(0) = byte(s)
  j = 0
  for i=0, n_elements(new)-2 do begin
    if new(i) eq besc then begin
      new(j) = new(i+1)
      i = i + 1
      endif else if new(i) eq bsep then new(j) = 1b $ ;Change seps to 1b char
      else new(j) = new(i)
      j = j + 1
    endfor
  new = string(new(0:j-1))
  w = where(byte(new) eq 1b, count) ;where seps are...
  arr = strarr(count+1)
  for i=0, count-1 do begin
    arr(i) = strmid(new, spos, w(i)-spos)
    spos = w(i) + 1
  endfor
  arr(count) = strmid(new, spos, strlen(s)) ;Last element
  goto, done
endif ;esc

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no_esc:

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if strlen(sep) eq 1 then begin ;Single character separator?
  w = where(byte(s) eq (byte(sep))(0), count) ;where seps are...
  arr = strarr(count+1)
  for i=0, count-1 do begin
arr(i) = strmid(s, spos, w(i)-spos)
spos = w(i) + 1
endfor
  arr(count) = strmid(s, spos, strlen(s)) ;Last element
endif else begin ;Multi character separator....
  n = 0 ; Determine number of seperators in string.
  repeat begin
pos = strpos (s, sep, spos)
spos = pos + strlen(sep)
n = n+1
endrep until pos eq -1

  arr = strarr(n) ; Create result array
  spos = 0
  for i=0, n-1 do begin ; Separate substrings
    pos = strpos (s, sep, spos)
    if pos ge 0 then arr(i) = strmid (s, spos, pos-spos) $
    else arr(i) = strmid(s, spos, strlen(s))
    spos = pos+strlen(sep)
  endfor
endelse

done:
if keyword_set(trim) then arr = strtrim(arr,2) $
else if keyword_set(remove) then arr = strcompress(arr, /REMOVE_ALL)
return, arr
end

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