Subject: Re: An IDL STRTOK??? Was: TextoIDL Broken and Gone? Posted by davidf on Mon, 15 Jan 2001 16:57:54 GMT

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It's a semi-holiday here in the US. Perhaps everyone will be back to work tomorrow.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: An IDL STRTOK??? Was: TextoIDL Broken and Gone? Posted by Craig Markwardt on Mon, 15 Jan 2001 21:12:35 GMT

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thanks all - i ended up doing a global replace using sed in the textoidl distribution, then not reading the copyright, illegally posted it to this group. oops.

it just took me a few hours to work out that this was indeed the reason it was not working and that i wasn't going insane. i should a searched deja first...

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Posted by wilms on Wed, 17 Jan 2001 10:37:47 GMT

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Joern

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Nice pages - I did look at those originally. There are a couple of important problems though.

You are distributing the separate routines, but have a broken link to the tarball (the preferred method of downloading). So I missed the little "source code" links in the separate routine pages, after finding the main download link didn't work. How about tarring up those rouintes and providing a local link to the tarball?:)

Most importantly however, some information is required on your page that states you are distributing modified versions of the routines - they say v1.2 but they *aren't*. I have the original version 1.2 distribution and it isn't the same (mine has the strtok problem). Maybe call yours 1.21?

This is kinda important because I (and other new users) who are unfamiliar with the strtok debacle will not know that the 1.2 distribution floating around is different to yours, which contains renamed functions.

I didn't know the problem was strtok, so wasted 2 hours trying to read the code for bugs. :-(

If we're worried about breaking the law here by first asking for Matt's permission, well as far as i can see, the copyright doesn't belong to Matt anyway. So since Joern is already distributing....;)

Craig - I saw your offer. Maybe if Joern doesn't want to fix up the versioning you could and redistribute on your page?

cheers, nick.

Joern Wilms wrote:

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Subject: Re: An IDL STRTOK??? Was: TextoIDL Broken and Gone? Posted by Nick Bower on Wed, 17 Jan 2001 16:48:24 GMT

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oops - disregard this. i just saw Matt's post on a separate thread.