
Subject: Re: IDL string trim

Posted by [russell.grew](#) on Sun, 06 Jul 2008 22:42:10 GMT

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Posted by [russell.grew](#) on Sun, 06 Jul 2008 22:44:22 GMT

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oop, mistake after the 'else'. Should be 'tmp', not 'k'. Also spreading it over 2 lines now as google wrapped it up.

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Subject: Re: IDL string trim

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 06 Jul 2008 23:15:14 GMT

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RussellGrew writes:

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Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: IDL string trim

Posted by [russell.grew](#) on Mon, 07 Jul 2008 00:00:00 GMT

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And there it is!

I should really spend some time to understand format codes properly.

Subject: Re: IDL string trim

Posted by [mchinand](#) on Mon, 07 Jul 2008 14:43:59 GMT

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In article <MPG.22daffe956a87f7598a3cb@news.frii.com>,

David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:

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--Mike

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Subject: Re: IDL string trim
Posted by [raghuram](#) on Wed, 09 Jul 2008 04:37:36 GMT
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On Jul 7, 7:43 am, mchin...@midway.uchicago.edu (Mike Chinander) wrote:

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Hi all,

Thanks a lot. It works.

Raghu
