Subject: Re: ESC_STRING and other questions Posted by galious on Fri, 16 May 2008 11:44:26 GMT

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luzr wrote on Sun, 16 March 2008 10:41 Shire wrote on Sun, 16 March 2008 05:18

Well, simple script languages must not force user to worry about types. But even non-professional applied programmers differ string and array. Strings have many specific operations, like toupper, find-and-replace, regexp, etc, which is useless on arrays.

Actually, I agree with toupper, but IMO find-and-replace or even regexp are not that useless for arrays...

I don't even agree with toupper. toupper can be viewed as tr(anslate|ansliterate) which can be found in Perl or sed and many other languages. tr on it's turn can be viewed as a specialised version of find-and-replace, which on its turn does have its use for arrays.

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Additionally, IMHO, majority of simple scripts work with strings hard, and I cannot imagine script language without native string type with standard operations.

You do not need to imagine. Esc is one

Euphoria with it's concept of sequences and atoms is another one. I'm probably one of only a few people who like as less as possible build-in types of which one can create it's own types.

Martin