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Subject: Re: More Unicode questions

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cbpporter wrote on Thu, 21 May 2009 07:52

The only situation this makes sense it if the default encoding for strings is changed to something different than the system wide. I'm sorry if a misunderstood this.

Exactly. Obvious example is an application in Win98 that is internally Utf-8...

Quote:

And a separate idea: wouldn't it make sense if all 8bit strings were Utf-8 internally?

It would. In fact, I think there is even the recommendation that application should prefer Utf-8 as internal encoding.

Anyway, there are legacy applications that are not utf-8 and that we need to support... And it really is not very complicated to add support for non-Utf8 internal encoding - you need `ToSystemCharset[W]` no matter what, all you need to do is to have some global default charset variable (`SetDefaultCharset`) and test it in `ToSystemCharset[W]`.

Mirek

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