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Subject: [BUG] CommandLine() returns non-unicode arguments

Posted by [exhu](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2008 08:05:52 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2008 12:24:42 GMT

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U++ uses wide char win32 api when available and mostly for filenames only... Internally, it can work in several encodings, utf8 being the recommended one.

Anyway, this is interesting problem, something not considered before... Commandline actually is used "as is", in ANSI version, without any conversions. The same is true for Cout.

Still, something is wrong with console output - input (commandline) seems to be OK, but output is wrong. But maybe you know more about these issues...

Interesting question is also what is the correct solution. Should Cout perform on-the-fly encoding coversion?

Mirek

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 15 Apr 2008 05:07:18 GMT

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Well, we still have to maintain win98 compatibility... that is why we are using ANSI mode. Anyway, it looks like we can fix the issue using GetCommandLineW here.

Mirek

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