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Posted by [mrjt](#) on Fri, 08 Jan 2010 12:49:30 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 08 Jan 2010 17:13:03 GMT

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Why not.

BTW, what about adding some "real" support. Maybe we can detect sections and create keys like "SECTION.KEY"?

Mirek

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 10 Jan 2010 13:35:38 GMT

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Sorry, that was my fault. My brain clearly wasn't working very well that day. It isn't even a good solution to the problem!

I see you've fixed it and committed it though. Thanks a lot. I think I'll work on an optionally section compatible version and get back to you.