

Re: Question about foreign/compound characters.

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In article

<OF4523CC32.5397211E-ON852572A5.00799FD3-852572A5.007A0D14@xxxxxxxxxx>, norm.rafael@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

- 2) Is there a program around to do this or that can easily be canibalized to do it (It seems a bit beyond DCL)?

For goodness sake don't do it yourself. Use iconv. Type HELP ICONV CONVERT. Depending on the encodings you are interested in, you may have to install the internationalization kit from the layered products CD.

Or if you have any moderately recent version of Perl installed, you can use the piconv utility that comes with it.

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$ piconv ::= @perl_root:[utils]piconv.com
$ piconv
piconv.com;1 [-f from_encoding] [-t to_encoding] [-s string] [files...]
piconv.com;1 -l
piconv.com;1 -r encoding_alias
-l,--list
  lists all available encodings
-r,--resolve encoding_alias
  resolve encoding to its (Encode) canonical name
-f,--from from_encoding
  when omitted, the current locale will be used
-t,--to to_encoding
  when omitted, the current locale will be used
-s,--string string
  "string" will be the input instead of STDIN or files
The following are mainly of interest to Encode hackers:
-D,--debug      show debug information
-C N | -c | -p  check the validity of the input
-S,--scheme scheme use the scheme for conversion
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