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1  /*
2     echos.c
3     echos.exe 1.0.1
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5     Enhanced ECHO command for Windows
6  */
7  #include <stdio.h>
8  #include <string.h>
9  #include <ctype.h>
10
11 unsigned int get_offset(unsigned int ch) {
12     int offset = 0;
13     if (ch >= '0' && ch <= '9') {
14         offset = '0';
15     }
16     else if (ch >= 'A' && ch <= 'F') {
17         offset = 'A' - 10;
18     }
19     else if (ch >= 'a' && ch <= 'f') {
20         offset = 'a' - 10;
21     }
22     else {
23         offset = 0;
24     };
25     return offset;
26 }
27
28 unsigned int is_decimal(char ch) {
29     unsigned int rc = 1;
30     if (!(ch >= '0' && ch <= '9')) rc = 0;
31     return rc;
32 }
33
34 unsigned int is_hex(char ch) {
35     unsigned int rc = 1;
36     if (!(ch >= '0' && ch <= '9' || ch >= 'A' && \
37         ch <= 'F' || ch >= 'a' && ch <= 'f')) rc = 0;
38     return rc;
39 }
40
41 unsigned int is_octal(char ch) {
42     unsigned int rc = 1;
43     if (!(ch >= '0' && ch <= '7')) rc = 0;
44     return rc;
45 }
46
47 void show_help() {

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48     printf("Usage: ECHOS [OPTION]... [STRING]...\nEcho STRING to standard output.\n\n
49 -n          do not output the trailing newline\n    \
50 -e          enable interpretation of backslash escapes\n    \
51 -E          disable interpretation of backslash escapes (default)\n    \
52 -U          force UTF-16 output for characters in range 128 - 255\n\
53             (implies -e)\n    -h /? --help    display this help and exit\n
54 -v          --version display version information and exit\n\nIf -e is in effect, \
55 the following sequences are recognized:\n\n    \\    backslash\n    \\" double \
56 quote (also works with other printable characters)\n    \\a    alert (BEL)\n    \
57 \\b    backspace\n    \\c    produce no further output\n    \\e    escape\n    \
58 \\f    form feed\n    \\n    newline\n    \\r    carriage return\n    \
59 \\t    horizontal tab\n    \\v    vertical tab\n    \
60 \\0NNN byte with octal value NNN (1 to 3 digits)\n    \
61 \\dNNN byte with decimal value NNN (1 to 3 digits)\n    \
62 \\xHH  byte with hexadecimal value HH (1 or 2 digits)\n");
63     return;
64 }
65
66 void show_version() {
67     printf("echos.exe 1.0.0 [C.L.Distefano]\n\
68 Enhanced ECHO command for Windows\n\n\"ECHOS --help\" gives usage details.\n");
69     return;
70 }
71
72 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
73     if (argc < 2) {
74         system("echo");
75         return 0;
76     }
77     long unsigned int i, j, k;
78     char word1[12]; word1[0] = '\\0';
79     unsigned int escapes = 0, trailn = 1;
80     char argstr[16384]; argstr[0] = '\\0';
81     char outstr[16300]; outstr[0] = '\\0';
82     char tnum[4]; tnum[0] = '\\0';
83     unsigned int uval = 0, utf16 = 0;
84     char command[16500]; command[0] = '\\0';
85     if (argc == 2 && (strcmp(argv[1], "/?") == 0 || \
86         strcmp(argv[1], "-h") == 0 || strcmp(argv[1], "--help") == 0)) {
87         show_help();
88         return 0;
89     }
90     if (argc == 2 && (strcmp(argv[1], "-v") == 0 || strcmp(argv[1], "--version") == 0))
91         show_version();
92     return 0;
93 }
94 strcat(word1, argv[1]);

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95     for (i = 0; i < strlen(argv[1]); i++) {
96         word1[i] = toupper(word1[i]);
97     }
98     if (argc == 2 && (strcmp(word1, "ON") == 0 || strcmp(word1, "OFF") == 0)) {
99         strcpy(command, "echo ");
100        strcat(command, word1);
101        system(command);
102        return 0;
103    }
104    while (strcmp(argv[1], "-n") == 0 || strcmp(argv[1], "-e") == 0 ||
105           strcmp(argv[1], "-E") == 0 || strcmp(argv[1], "-U") == 0) {
106        if (strcmp(argv[1], "-n") == 0) {
107            trailn = 0;
108        }
109        else if (strcmp(argv[1], "-e") == 0) {
110            escapes = 1;
111        }
112        else if (strcmp(argv[1], "-U") == 0) {
113            escapes = 1;
114            utf16 = 1;
115        }
116        else {
117            escapes = 0;
118        }
119        --argc; ++argv;
120    }
121
122    // No escapes, just print the string
123    if (!escapes) {
124        for (i = 1; i < argc; i++) {
125            printf("%s", argv[i]);
126            if (i < argc - 1) printf(" ");
127        }
128        if (trailn) printf("\n");
129        return 0;
130    }
131
132    // Option -e is in effect: Escape sequences
133    i = 0; // Concatenate args into a single string
134    for (j = 1; j < argc; ++j) {
135        for (k = 0; k < strlen(argv[j]); k++) {
136            argstr[i] = argv[j][k];
137            i++;
138        }
139        if (j < argc - 1) {
140            argstr[i] = ' ';
141            i++;

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142     }
143 }
144 argstr[i + 1] = '\\0';
145
146 // Character substitutions
147 for (i = 0, j = 0; i < strlen(argstr); i++, j++) {
148     if ((int)argstr[i] != 92) {
149         outstr[j] = argstr[i];
150         continue;
151     }
152     i++;
153     switch (argstr[i]) {
154         // Note: default case covers "\\any_printable"
155         // including "\\\" and "\\\""
156         case 'a':
157             outstr[j] = (char)7;
158             break;
159         case 'b':
160             outstr[j] = (char)8;
161             outstr[j + 1] = ' ';
162             outstr[j + 2] = (char)8;
163             j += 2;
164             break;
165         case 'c':
166             outstr[j] = '\\0';
167             break;
168         case 'e':
169             outstr[j] = (char)27;
170             break;
171         case 'f':
172             outstr[j] = '\\f';
173             break;
174         case 'n':
175             outstr[j] = (char)13;
176             outstr[j + 1] = (char)10;
177             j += 1;
178             break;
179         case 'r':
180             outstr[j] = (char)13;
181             break;
182         case 't':
183             outstr[j] = (char)9;
184             break;
185         case 'v':
186             outstr[j] = (char)11;
187             break;
188         case '0': // octal Ascii

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189     tnum[0] = argstr[i + 1];
190     if (i + 2 < strlen(argstr)) {
191         tnum[1] = argstr[i + 2];}
192     else {
193         tnum[1] = '\0';
194     }
195     if (i + 3 < strlen(argstr)) {
196         tnum[2] = argstr[i + 3];}
197     else {
198         tnum[2] = '\0';
199     }
200     if (!is_octal(tnum[0])) {
201         outstr[j] = argstr[i - 1];
202         outstr[j + 1] = argstr[i];
203         j += 1;
204         break;
205     }
206     if (!is_octal(tnum[1])) {
207         uval = tnum[0] - get_offset(tnum[0]);
208         if (uval > 255) {
209             outstr[j] = tnum[0];
210             break;
211         }
212         outstr[j] = (char)(uval);
213         i += 1;
214         break;
215     }
216     if (!is_octal(tnum[2])) {
217         uval = 8 * (tnum[0] - get_offset(tnum[0]));
218         uval = uval + tnum[1] - get_offset(tnum[1]);
219         if (uval > 255) {
220             outstr[j] = argstr[i - 1];
221             outstr[j + 1] = argstr[i];
222             j += 1;
223             break;
224         }
225         outstr[j] = (char)uval;
226         i += 2;
227         break;
228     }
229     uval = 64 * (tnum[0] - get_offset(tnum[0]));
230     uval = uval + (8 * (tnum[1] - get_offset(tnum[1])));
231     uval = uval + tnum[2] - get_offset(tnum[2]);
232     if (uval > 255) {
233         outstr[j] = tnum[0];
234         i += 1;
235         break;

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236     }
237     outstr[j] = (char)uval;
238     i += 3;
239     break;
240 case 'd': // decimal Ascii
241     tnum[0] = argstr[i + 1];
242     if (i + 2 < strlen(argstr)) {
243         tnum[1] = argstr[i + 2];}
244     else {
245         tnum[1] = '\0';
246     }
247     if (i + 3 < strlen(argstr)) {
248         tnum[2] = argstr[i + 3];}
249     else {
250         tnum[2] = '\0';
251     }
252     if (!is_decimal(tnum[0])) {
253         outstr[j] = argstr[i - 1];
254         outstr[j + 1] = argstr[i];
255         j += 1;
256         break;
257     }
258     if (!is_decimal(tnum[1])) {
259         uval = tnum[0] - get_offset(tnum[0]);
260         if (uval > 255) {
261             outstr[j] = tnum[0];
262             break;
263         }
264         outstr[j] = (char)uval;
265         i += 1;
266         break;
267     }
268     if (!is_decimal(tnum[2])) {
269         uval = 10 * (tnum[0] - get_offset(tnum[0]));
270         uval = uval + tnum[1] - get_offset(tnum[1]);
271         if (uval > 255) {
272             i += 1;
273             outstr[j] = tnum[0];
274             break;
275         }
276         outstr[j] = (char)uval;
277         i += 2;
278         break;
279     }
280     if (tnum[0] < '0' || tnum[0] > '2') {
281         outstr[j] = argstr[i - 1];
282         outstr[j + 1] = argstr[i];

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283         j += 1;
284         break;
285     }
286     uval = 100 * (tnum[0] - get_offset(tnum[0]));
287     uval = uval + (10 * (tnum[1] - get_offset(tnum[1])));
288     uval = uval + tnum[2] - get_offset(tnum[2]);
289     if (uval > 255) {
290         outstr[j] = argstr[i - 1];
291         outstr[j + 1] = argstr[i];
292         j += 1;
293         break;
294     }
295     outstr[j] = (char)uval;
296     i += 3;
297     break;
298 case 'x': // hexadecimal Ascii
299     tnum[0] = argstr[i + 1];
300     if (i + 2 < strlen(argstr)) {
301         tnum[1] = argstr[i + 2];
302     } else {
303         tnum[1] = '\0';
304     }
305     if (!is_hex(tnum[0])) {
306         outstr[j] = argstr[i - 1];
307         outstr[j + 1] = argstr[i];
308         j += 1;
309         break;
310     }
311     if (!is_hex(tnum[1])) {
312         uval = tnum[0] - get_offset(tnum[0]);
313         if (uval > 255) {
314             outstr[j] = tnum[0];
315             i += 1;
316             break;
317         }
318         outstr[j] = (char)uval;
319         i += 1;
320         break;
321     }
322     uval = 16 * (tnum[0] - get_offset(tnum[0]));
323     uval = uval + tnum[1] - get_offset(tnum[1]);
324     if (uval > 255) {
325         outstr[j] = argstr[i - 1];
326         outstr[j + 1] = argstr[i];
327         j += 1;
328         break;
329     }

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330         outstr[j] = (char)uval;
331         i += 2;
332         break;
333     default: // covers "\any_printable", including "\\\"
334         outstr[j] = argstr[i];
335         break;
336     }
337 }
338 // The rubber meets the road:
339 outstr[j + 1] = '\0';
340 if (!utf16 && strstr(outstr, "\x1B[") == NULL && \
341     strstr(outstr, "\x0B") == NULL) {
342     printf("%s", outstr);
343 }
344 else {
345     strcat(command, "@for /F \"tokens=*\" %A in \x28\"");
346     if (utf16) strcat(command, "\x0B");
347     strcat(command, outstr);
348     strcat(command, "\"\x29 do @echo|set/p=%A");
349     command[strlen(command) + 1] = '\0';
350     system(command);
351 }
352 if (trailn) printf("\n");
353 return 0;
354 }
355

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