

Re: std::string, C strings and c_str()

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In article <h7qdnRjmG8xccxjcRVn-iQ@speakeasy.net>, Gianni Mariani <gi2nospam@mariani.ws> wrote:

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> *No argument from me. I would get rid of the nonsense API's is at all possible.*

If you inherit a library of any complexity with an inconvenient API, and it works, don't try to fix the API – you will almost inevitably break it. Providing a simple interface class may well be the best solution in the short term; with luck in the long term, you may be able to rewrite the library, but that is never a simple undertaking.

Working code is a rare and precious commodity; you amend it at your own risk.

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