

Re: [OT] Re: Asking if elements in struct arre zero

Source: http://coding.derkeiler.com/Archive/C_CPP/comp.lang.c/2003-11/1595.html

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On Fri, 7 Nov 2003 21:42:46 -0500 (EST)

"Arthur J. O'Dwyer" <ajo@nospam.andrew.cmu.edu> wrote:

> *On Fri, 7 Nov 2003, Keith Thompson wrote:*

<snip>

> > *The content of what I write*

> > *is what's important (or unimportant, as the case may be). If you*

> > *want to use a newsreader that lets you read it in your favorite*

> > *font, feel free; I'm not interested in adding extraneous formatting*

> > *information.*

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> *In fact, I'm willing to bet that *some* news archive out there*

> *on the Web will do that sort of trivial formatting for you.*

> *ISTR that Google automatically hyperlinkifies URLs in Usenet*

> *posts, although it doesn't go so far as to edit in *bold* *

> *tags or /italic/ <i> tags. (That's a good, tractable AI problem*

> *right there.)*

I've used at least one news reader which *did* apply *bold*, */italic/*, *_underline_* and possibly other mark ups and did a good job of it. So people who want such things have the option of choosing a news reader that supports them *without* causing problems people who do not want them.

> <snip>

> > > *What drawbacks? Seriously. Given the ability to drop into mono*

> > > *anytime you want/need to, what drawbacks are there that would*

> > > *outweigh the obvious benefits (benefits enjoyed by just about*

> > > *every single technical manual, book or magazine you've ever read).*

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> > *Just about every single technical manual, book, or magazine I've*

> > *ever read was produced by professionals. Just about every Usenet*

> > *posting I've ever read was not. Look at how much trouble we have*

> > *with posters not following the simple plain text standards we have*

> > *now. I don't want to give the trolls the ability to shout at me in*