

Re: finding common words

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Uri Guttman <uri@stemsystems.com> wrote in message news:<x74qth75vw.fsf@mail.sysarch.com>...

> *i was never really upset about the efficiency issue which has been*
> *changed. i didn't like the semantic problem of throwing away the list*
> *that map is supposed to make. now the docs will say there is no*
> *generated list in void context so that may be harder to argue. but i*
> *still say that map tells the reader a list is being made so look for*
> *it.*

If the docs say there is no list generated, how is map going to tell the reader that the docs are wrong?

If a reader reads something extra into what's written (like "here comes a list" when none is coming), how is that more the writer's problem than the reader's? Either the writer can write it differently (using 'for' in this case) or the reader can read it differently. I don't see how the former is the only right answer.

(And since she's been mentioned here several times, here's a link to Abigail's post on the topic, from November: <http://tinyurl.com/2po9x>)

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