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pspan -- look for first char not in pattern

SYNOPSIS

pspan(s1,s2) char *s1, *s2;

DESCRIPTION

<u>Pspan</u> returns an address indicating the success or failure of the pattern match. If the address returned is not zero the match was a success. If the address returned is zero the match was a failure. This function returns the address of the first character found in the searched string that was not in the pattern string.

s1 the searched character string.

s2 a string of characters used as a pattern.

The pattern, $\underline{s2}$, can be any null terminated string of characters. Repeated characters in $\underline{s2}$ are ignored. The pattern string "Mississippi" is equivalent to the pattern string "iMps".

This function is implemented with a table driven pattern matcher. The empty string is defined as a string whose first character is the null character.

The error code, zero, is returned only if the searched string, s1, is empty.

If a character not in the string $\underline{s2}$ is found in the string $\underline{s1}$, the address of that character in $\underline{s1}$ will be returned.

If the entire string $\underline{s1}$ is searched and every character matches the pattern, the length pointer of the string $\underline{s1}$ is returned. The length pointer is the address of the terminating null byte.

LIBRARY

/lib/lib3.a

SEE ALSO

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