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C9X Revision Proposal
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Title: Replacement for strtok_____
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 ___ Editorial change/non-normative contribution
 ___ Correction
 Y_ New feature
 ___ Addition to obsolescent feature list
 ___ Addition to Future Directions
 ___ Other (please specify) _____
Area of Standard Affected:
 ___ Environment
 ___ Language
 ___ Preprocessor
 Y_ Library
 ___ Macro/typedef/tag name
 Y_ Function
 ___ Header
 ___ Other (please specify) _____
Prior Art: 4.4BSD, some unknown number of vendors._____
Target Audience: Programmers that use strtok._____

Related Documents (if any): _____

Proposal Attached: Y_ Yes ___ No, but what's your interest?
Abstract:

- 1: Strtok cannot handle empty fields.
- 2: Strtok cannot handle more than a single string at a time.

Proposal:

Provide strsep as a replacement.

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char * strsep(char **stringp, char *delim);
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The strsep() function locates, in the string referenced by *stringp, the first occurrence of any character in the string delim (or the terminating '\0' character) and replaces it with a '\0'. The location of the next character after the delimiter character (or NULL, if the end of the string was reached) is stored in *stringp. The original value of *stringp is returned.