parseIDS.html: JavaScript utility for IDS.txt

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What is "parseIDS.html"?

 A short JavaScript utility to search Hanzis from ids.txt (a collection of IDS for CJK Unified Ideographs)

Why "grep" is insufficient?

- ids.txt is a collection of the most composed expressions
 - ➤ something like NFC of Unicode
 - ➤ characters including "林" cannot be found by searching "木"
- recursive searching is required
 - ➤ The maintainer (Kawabata-san) uses Emacs
 - + LISP
 - ➤ They are slightly exotic software on some platforms

NFC-like IDS vs NFD-like IDS

- When one searches something, an IDS of un-coded Hanzi could be wanted
 - ➤NFC-like IDS cannot include un-coded character
 - except of some CDP compatible glyphs
- Searching with NFD-like IDS would be generic and portable

parseIDS.html uses NFC-like IDS

- For some Hanzis, ids.txt provides multiple expressions (e.g. xxx[GT] yyy[J] zzz[K])
- Making NFD-like IDS for all Hanzis will generate huge collection of possible expressions
 - numVariants(component1) x numVariants(component2) x
- parseIDS.html is expected to be small utility

Too Many Variation Example

● ids.txt defines 6 variants for 汀(U+4E87)

- ●竹(U+7AF9) will have 6x6 = 36 variants
- 綜(U+25D12) will have... 36³ = 46,656 variants
- 猕(U+25DF9) will have... $36^4 = 1,679,161 \text{ variants}$ (more than the number of UCS Hanzi!)

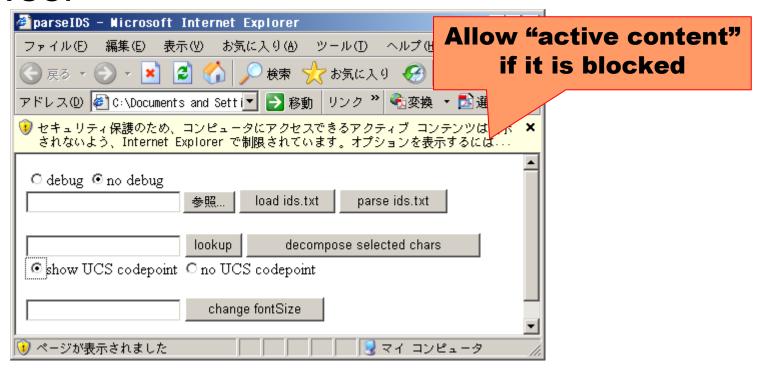
How to use? (installation)

 Place "ids.txt" and "parseIDS.html" to same folder



How to use? (startup)

 Open "parseIDS.html" with your web browser



Because ActiveXObject('Microsoft.XMLHTTP') is invoked when executed by MSIE, the security warning will be issued.

How to use? (initialization(1))

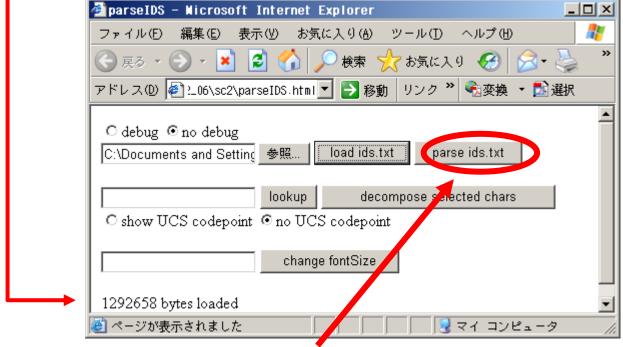
- Select "ids.txt" from the folder where parseIDS.html is placed.
 - The web browsers with HTML5 FileReader API (e.g. Firefox) can handle "ids.txt" in different folders.



Push "load" button.

How to use? (initialization(2))

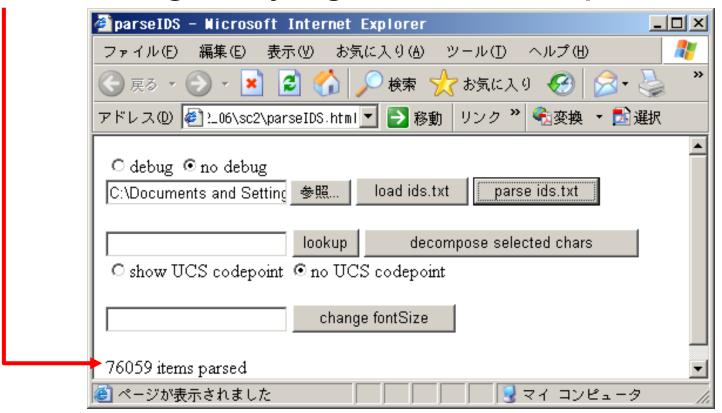
• If loading finishes successfully, you will get a message saying "xxxx bytes loaded".



Push "parse" button.

How to use? (initialization(3))

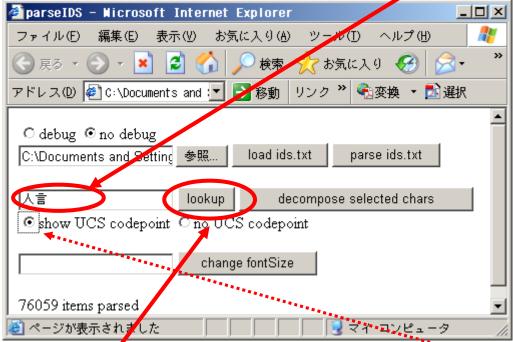
 If parsing finishes successfully, you will get a message saying "xxxx items parsed".



How to use? (search)

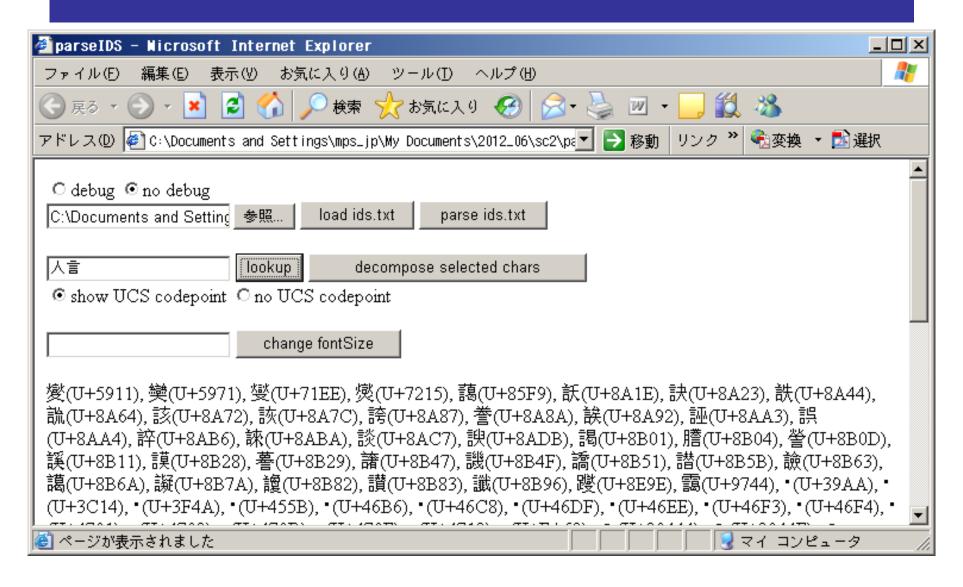
Enter some Hanzis to the form at the left of

"lookup" button.



- Push "lookup" button.
 - ➤ If you want UCS codepoint too, check "show UCS"

Search Result

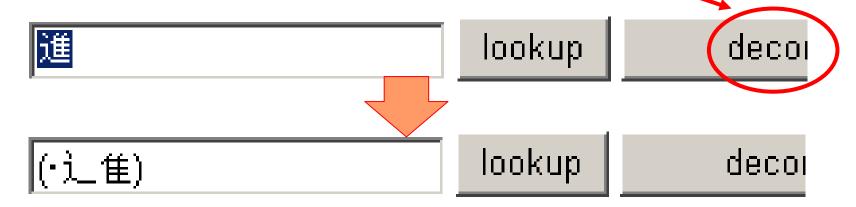


The result is hard to understand?

- You will get the list of Hanzis that include cover all given Hanzis as components.
- The result for "田丁" will include "町", "甼", "畸", etc.
 - ➤ Different from the result of "grep 田丁 ids.txt"

How to use "decomposition"

- Some Hanzi input methods are not easy to input the radicals.
 - ▶ e.g. MS-IME for Japan: "shinnyou" → "之繞" (not "辶")
- "Decompose" button replaces the selected Hanzis in "lookup" form
 - > After the decomposition, you can remove unrequired components.



Any comments?

feature requests, bugs, etc

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