
Subject: Re: Regular Expressions

Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Tue, 20 Mar 2001 23:28:40 GMT

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Mark Hadfield wrote:

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>> ; Find the substring beginning with an "=", followed by any number

>> ; of characters, followed by a quote, followed by any number of

>> ; characters (including double quotes) up to the last single quote.

>> ; Extract from this substring all characters between the first

>> ; and last single quotes.

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> So, you're saying that STREGEX is a good thing because (like HISTOGRAM) it

> allows you to write code in which the executable statements are several

> times shorter than the comments required to explain them?

I take that as a personal jab. Actually, the code I write is much more comprehensible than the examples I post here -- I *do* have a reputation to maintain though.

Somehow, I think the equivalent byte array version would be even uglier. Anyone care to whip up a version for comparison, using the detailed comments above?

JD
