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