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Subject: Re: splitting difficult(?) strings

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hradilv.nospam@yahoo.com writes:

- > Any ideas on what would be the easiest (best?) way to split strings
- > that have the following characteristics? Perhaps best understood by
- > looking at examples?
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- > 1)
- > buf= '4 5 6'
- > strsplit(buf, ' ',/extract) yields ['4','5','6'] {good}
- ...
- > Maybe I can summarize: I would like something that will split the
- > string by spaces, PROTECTED by "s. ie there may be spaces within the
- > "s which should not cause a split.

Using STRSPLIT is like sending a boy to do a man's job. I think there is no other choice but to hand-code what you want. [ Counter-examples welcomed. ] It *may* be possible to code it into a regular expression, but I'm not sure how to handle the "quotes-optional" aspect.

Craig

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