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Subject: Re: again strsplit  
Posted by [btt](#) on Wed, 21 Jan 2004 14:46:33 GMT  
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Reimar Bauer wrote:

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> Hi all
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> I have learned the /regex keyword but who could explain this:
>
> a='ABC$DEF'
> print,strsplit(a,'$',/extr)
>
> ABC DEF
>
> and
>
> a='ABC$DEF'
> print,strsplit(a,'$',/extr,/regex)
>
> ABC$DEF
>
>
> Why is this differnt?
>
```

Hi Reimar,

Funny, I was just fiddling with this, too.

I assume that you want to split the string into substrings using the '\$' character. To do so, you need to use the escape character (backslash) before the '\$' since '\$' is also a REGEX control character.

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IDL> a = 'ABC$DEF'
IDL> print,strsplit(a,'$',/extr,/regex)
ABC DEF
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Cheers,  
Ben

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