Subject: splitting strings
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Hi all,

I would like to split a string by whitespace characters, while anything
between quotes should be recognized as one elements (even if it contains
whitespace). Let's say I have the string

'cat dog "ground hog" bird'

I want to split it into ['cat', 'dog', 'ground hog', 'bird']. Does
anybody have a general algorithm or a function to do that? Or do I have
to work it out myself?

I guess this must be a very standard problem for config file parsers in
any programming language...

Thanks for your help,

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