## Subject: Re: String Processing Question Posted by Sobwom on Thu, 03 Mar 2005 21:47:40 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:
> Folks,
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> My mind goes into shutdown mode whenever the subject of
> string processing comes up. It always has, I don't know
> why.
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> I have a method of doing this, but is looks like
> a crock. Here is the situation.
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  I have a variable:
    animal = 'Coyote'
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>
 And I have a string:
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>
    myString = 'My favorite animal is {1}.
>
> I want to replace "{1}" with "Coyote". What is the
> best way to do that, given that "{1}' can occur
> anywhere in the string?
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> Cheers,
> David
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.dfanning.com/
Try StrSplit():
animal = 'Covote'
myString = 'My favorite animal is {1}.'
newString = StrJoin(StrSplit(myString, '\{1\}', /Regex, /Extract, $
                  /Preserve_Null), animal)
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