
Subject: Re: Cut down a big file into several files based on its a column.

Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Fri, 16 Mar 2007 10:24:39 GMT

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DirtyHarry wrote:

> Thanks, Maarten... but... T.T

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> Is there any way to do this in Windows version of IDL?

Perl is usually better for this sort of string handling IME, and Perl is freely available for Windows and is a very handy thing to have to pre-process data files.

It'll probably be quicker to hack on in IDL for this immediate problem, but I'd look into Perl for future jobs, and get the O'Reilly Learning Perl "Llama book" by Schwarz and Phoenix to go with it.

Pete.

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