
Subject: Re: quick strsplit question

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On Mar 6, 9:47 am, rlaybe...@hotmail.com wrote:

> Hi
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> I am, trying to split an number of terms such as str9=dg_eyemouth.out
>
> to take off the file extension
>
> print,strsplit(str9,'.out',/extract,/regex)
>
> but this gives
>
> dg_eye h
>
> any ideas
>
> thanks
>
> russ

You want:

```
print,strsplit(str9,'\\.out',/extract,/regex)
```

The '.' is a special character in regular expressions in IDL and needs an escape character before it if you mean an actualy '.' in a string. See the helpfile entitled 'Learning About Regular Expressions'.

Regards,
Chris
