
Subject: Re: make strsplit not skip null between patterns

Posted by [Garfield](#) on Thu, 17 Feb 2011 23:43:58 GMT

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On Feb 17, 6:07 pm, Michael Galloy <mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 2/17/11 3:59 PM, Garfield wrote:

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>> Hi all,

>> I am trying to use strsplit to extract data from a string. the string

>> is like this:

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>> RD||04|013|9997|43202|10|1|078|142|20070813|02:00|0.00000|| ||

>> ND|||||||.31806

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>> I am using '|' as the pattern of separator, so the statement is "data

>> = strsplit(line,'|', count=n, /extract)". I do this for thousands of

>> lines. The problem for me is that there is not always an input between

>> a pair of '|', so the dimensions of the 'data' returned by IDL are not

>> constant. I don't want this because every input in between a pair of

>> '|' has different meaning. I want to make the dimension of 'data' to

>> be constant so that I can easily know the meaning of each input.

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>> Need ideas! Thanks,

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>> Zhen

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> Try the setting the PRESERVE_NULL keyword.

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Mike, thanks a lot! I missed this keyword, which is the last one on the man page...

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