
Subject: Re: make strsplit not skip null between patterns
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 17 Feb 2011 23:07:59 GMT
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On 2/17/11 3:59 PM, Garfield wrote:

> 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
>
> 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,
>
> Zhen

Try the setting the PRESERVE_NULL keyword.

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