
Subject: Re: Stregex question - extracting substring
Posted by [John Correia](#) on Thu, 19 Dec 2013 20:53:08 GMT
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On 12/19/2013 03:44 PM, Paul Mallas wrote:

> I am trying to extract a substring after a colon. My string looks
> like:
>
> xxxxxx:yyyyyyyyyy
>
> where x's can be spaces, upper and lower case letters
>
> then there's the colon
>
> and finally the y's, which can be pretty much anything and will often
> include colons (which is why strsplit("xxxxxx:yyyyyyyyyy", ":") won't
> work for me here)
>
> I just want the yyyyyyyyyyy part and have been trying to extract it
> with stregex, but no luck. But before I give up and will try a
> different approach, does anyone know how to construct a regular
> expression for IDL that would extract just the yyyy.. part with
> stregex?
>
> Thanks for your time.
>

Not a stregex solution, but I think something like

```
strjoin((strsplit(string,':',/extract))[1:*,':'])
```

would do it.

John
