
Subject: Re: string manipulation

Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Mon, 26 Feb 2001 23:34:01 GMT

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> are describing column number 2 in a FITS table. Note that in the name
> "12CD2A", only the *final* 2 refers to the column number.
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> The interesting question happens when I want to change the column
> number, say from "2" to "50". Is there a straightforward way to do
> this in "vectoral" sort of way?
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> really a problem. I do this by making a byte array of the strings,
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Good luck,

JD

Subject: Re: string manipulation
Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Tue, 27 Feb 2001 00:20:26 GMT
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JD Smith wrote:

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Oh, no. I am losing my faith :-(

Pavel

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 27 Feb 2001 01:41:09 GMT
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JD Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> writes:

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Jah, that's what I do now, except I know they are valid header keywords already, since they come from an already-existing file, and I'd like to preserve the original formatting as much as possible. But I guess a loop is just necessary.

[I was looking for the magic HISTOGRAM bullet too ...]

Craig

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Dear Craig,

I believe my `replace_string` is the right tool for your request

```
txt= ['TTYPE2', $  
      'TUNIT2', $
```

```
'1CTYP2', $  
'1CPIX2' , $  
'12CD2A']
```

```
result=replace_string(txt,'2','50',pos=4,no_of_replaces=1)  
print,result  
TTYPE50 TUNIT50 1CTYP50 1CPIX50 12CD50A
```

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/replace_string.tar.gz

For further routines and licensing please look at
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

regards
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