
Subject: Re: Splitting An Array Of Strings Without Using Loops

Posted by [mchinand](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 2003 05:04:07 GMT

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In article <e5624c04.0307240935.7234e53@posting.google.com>, Darrick White <darrick.white@med.ge.com> wrote:

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> out. I want to be able to split an array of strings without using
> loops.

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```

Hope that helps,

--Mike

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Subject: Re: Splitting An Array Of Strings Without Using Loops
Posted by [darrick.white](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 2003 13:38:06 GMT
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mchinand@midway.uchicago.edu (Mike Chinander) wrote in message
news:<bT2Ua.33\$Z4.10135@news.uchicago.edu>...

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> --Mike

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Thanks for the reply. Yes, that works, and that's what I am doing now. However, there may be cases when the data may look like this:
 ['1:23','2:32:43','3:30:54','4:45']

In this case, I would like the data formatted into a 3x4 array

```

1  23  NaN
2  32  43
3  30  54
4  45  Nan

```

This is where I'm having a little trouble.

Thanks
 -Darrick

Subject: Re: Splitting An Array Of Strings Without Using Loops

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 30 Jul 2003 18:25:45 GMT

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Darrick White wrote:

```
>> Dear Darrick,
>>
>> here is a second solution using reads.
>>
>> pro test
>> data=['1:23','2:32','3:30','4:45']
>>
>> s={x:bytarr(1),s:bytarr(1),y:bytarr(2)}
>> s=replicate(s,4)
>>
>> reads,byte(data),s
>>
>> print,string(s.x)
>> print,string(s.y)
>> end
>>
>> IDL> 1 2 3 4
>> IDL> 23 32 30 45
>
>
>
> It looks like I'm not explaining my problem clearly. For instance,
> the following sets of data are valid inputs to my application:
>
> 1) data=['1:23','2:32','3:30','4:45']
> 2) data=['12:23','22:32:34:45','32:30','42:45:90']
> 3) data=['100:23','200:32','300:30','400:45']
> 4) data=['1:23:2','2:32:2','3:30:2','4:45:2']
>
```

ok

do the followings. reads is very powerful (not only histogram)

```
data=replace_string(data,':',';')
```

```
1) data=replace_string(data,':',';')
```

```
    a=intarr(2)
    b=intarr(2)
    c=intarr(2)
    d=intarr(2)
reads,data,a,b,c,d
print,a,b,c,d
    1    23
```

```

2   32
3   30
4   45

```

2) data=replace_string(data,':',';')

```

a=intarr(2)
b=intarr(4)
c=intarr(2)
d=intarr(3)
reads,data,a,b,c,d
print,a,b,c,d
12   23
22   32   34   45
32   30
42   45   90

```

3) data=replace_string(data,':',';')

```

a=intarr(2)
b=intarr(2)
c=intarr(2)
d=intarr(2)
reads,data,a,b,c,d
print,a,b,c,d
100   23
200   32
300   30
400   45

```

4) data=replace_string(data,':',';')

```

a=intarr(3)
b=intarr(3)
c=intarr(3)
d=intarr(3)
reads,data,a,b,c,d
print,a,b,c,d
1    23    2
2    32    2
3    30    2
4    45    2

```

You'll find replace_string at our library:

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/replace_string.tgz

or as idl5.6 binary

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/replace_string.sav

Please have a look for licensing and further routines at
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

If you write yourself a function to count the ":" signs +1 then this could be easy automated.

regards

Reimar

> The resulting transformation would like this for both:

>

> 1) print, intarr(2,4)

> 1 23

> 2 32

> 3 30

> 4 45

>

> 2) print, intarr(4,4)

> 12 23 NaN NaN

> 22 32 34 45

> 32 30 NaN NaN

> 42 45 90 NaN

>

> 3) print, intarr(2,4)

> 100 23

> 200 32

> 300 30

> 400 45

>

> 4) print, intarr(3,4)

> 1 23 2

> 2 32 2

> 3 30 2

> 4 45 2

>

> Is there a way (not knowing what data set input is used) to transform

> my data into the corresponding result array? Note: For

> transformation #2 above, I need to append each point to my new array.

> If the array dimensions don't match, I need to fill in those missing

> elements with 'NaN'.

>

> Thanks

> -Darrick

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a IDL library at Forschungszentrum Juelich

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

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Subject: Re: Splitting An Array Of Strings Without Using Loops
Posted by [darrick.white](#) on Thu, 31 Jul 2003 15:39:36 GMT

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JD Smith <jdsmith@as.arizona.edu> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.28.23.00.27.659018.15959@as.arizona.edu>...

> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 11:24:50 -0700, Rick Towler wrote:

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>> "Darrick White" wrote...

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>>> It looks like I'm not explaining my problem clearly.

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>>> Is there a way (not knowing what data set input is used) to transform

>>> my data into the corresponding result array?

>>

>> I don't think the issue is one of clarity, but of possibility. Unless

>> JD can save you with some magical incarnation of HISTOGRAM you are going

>> to have to change your design criteria or use a loop. If performance is

>> really that important write this function in C.

>>

>> -Rick

>

>

> Come on people. I don't use HISTOGRAM for everything. I use it very

> rarely, in fact.

>

> How about something like:

>

> nums=strsplit(strjoin(data,','),',',/EXTRACT)

> cnts=long(total(byte(data) eq 58b,1))+1L

>

> Now you have a list of tuple-counts and the tuples themselves in a long

> list. You could (yes) use HISTOGRAM or perhaps many other methods to
> stick these into an array as you describe without looping, but rather than
> show something you'd forget 5 minutes after dropping it into your code,
> I'll join Rick in saying that if parsing these strings quickly is this
> important to you, you'll get better results by re-designing the input
> format, or pre-parsing them using a language better suited to these
> manipulations. And on the off chance that you're suffering from the
> "must-optimize-everything-in-sight" disease, you'll want to make sure a
> readable and straightforward input loop won't meet your needs before
> venturing too far into IDL esoterica:
>
> b=make_array(/LONG,VALUE=-1,max(cnt),n_elements(data))
> for i=0,n_elements(data)-1 do b[0,i]=strsplit(data[i],':',/EXTRACT)
>
> Note that there's no integer (long or otherwise) definition of NaN, so I
> used -1.
>
> JD

Thank you.

cnts=long(total(byte(data) eq 58b,1))+1L was what I was looking for.

-Darrick
