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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> considered the x coordinate): (x,y) = 1.23. In case of multiple
> points (2:21:34:54), the data will look like: (2,21), (2,34), (2,54).
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> dataPoints[3] = 4:45
>
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> 232
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> 4 45
> -Darrick
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IDL> print, datajoin
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Then split it up and reform it into a two by four array

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:

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  Then split it up and reform it into a two by four array
  IDL> dataint=reform(fix(strsplit(datajoin,':',/extract)),2,4)
  IDL> print, dataint
       1
            23
       2
            32
>
       3
            30
>
            45
>
  Hope that helps,
> --Mike
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
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This is where I'm having a little trouble.

Thanks

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

-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
                 2
     1
          23
     2
                 2
          32
     3
                 2
          30
     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

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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
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> -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

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:
   "Darrick White" wrote...
>>> It looks like I'm not explaining my problem clearly.
>>> 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