
Subject: make strsplit not skip null between patterns
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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.

Need ideas! Thanks,

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