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Posted by [spluque](#) on Thu, 12 Sep 2013 19:33:54 GMT

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Posted by [spluque](#) on Thu, 12 Sep 2013 19:43:57 GMT

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Posted by [John Correia](#) on Thu, 12 Sep 2013 19:50:54 GMT

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John

Subject: Re: strsplit vectorized
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 13 Sep 2013 13:34:49 GMT
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Nice. I had previously complained about the clumsy syntax of STRMID when you just want to a
single substring from each element of a string array. (You can't use a scalar to specify the first
position or string length -- http://www.idlcoyote.com/code_tips/strmidvec.html) But when you

want to extract multiple substrings from each element of a string array then the syntax becomes elegant.

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Posted by [spluque](#) on Fri, 13 Sep 2013 18:41:21 GMT

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Thank you, strmid takes multiple ranges!

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