

Re: data manipulation

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Bob <bNOoONb@not.pilbara.net.au> wrote:

> "*Gunnar Hjalmarsson*" <noreply@gunnar.cc> wrote in message
> news:bm3848\$i2lpa\$1@ID-184292.news.uni-berlin.de...

[Snip a whole bunch of lines not needed for context.]

> *there are only 2 lines I don't clearly*
> *understand*
>
> -> *push @chunks, \$chunk if \$chunk;*

Or, if you like/understand it better written this way:

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if ( $chunk ) {  
    push @chunks, $chunk;  
}
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> -> *\$chunk = "";*
>
> *After reading the push function description from "learning Perl" I am*
> *failing to understand exactly what is happening here.*

if \$chunk is a true value, then the value of \$chunk gets tacked onto the end of the @chunks array (ie. @chunks gets one element larger).

The second line clears out the accumulator for the next go-round.

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