

Re: converting scalar to an array of elements

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On Sat, 07 Feb 2004 13:17:33 +0000, Chuckb wrote:

> *I should know this but, what is the quickest way to convert a scalar value*
> *into an array?*
> *Ex: \$name="Fred";*
> *so that*
> *\$arrayname[0]="F";*
> *\$arrayname[1]="r";*
> *\$arrayname[2]="e";*
> *\$arrayname[3]="d";*

Use 'split' :-)

This is a simple one liner to produce what you wanted ...

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prompt> perl -e '$name="Fred";@chars=split //, $name;print join("\n",
@chars),"\n";'
F
r
e
d
prompt>
```

Salt to taste :-)

HTH

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Jim

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a fortune quote ...

Monday, n.: In Christian countries, the day after the baseball
game. -- Ambrose Bierce, "The Devil's Dictionary"