

## Re: Changing output

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Thank you all for your replies. My sincere apologies for not getting back to you earlier but I was away over the weekend. I will put your suggestions into practice and will let you know hw I get on. :-)

Okay, what I really want to do?

I thought that I might be able to put together a little Perl program to help me automate writing my weekly report. Maybe you can think of a better way than what I had in mind?

The language thing was just an example for me to get started, but this is what I had in mind:

First I wanted to put all the info into a reader friendly excel file e.g. date, tasks completed, tasks planned for next week . This file would be saved into a csv file. Subsequently I have to change the format which I can import into a word template using the mail merge facility. Too complicated?

The problem about using mail merge is that in order to get it to work I need all the info to be stored into two lines – one title line and the other line to contain all the data. So I wanted this particular perl script to translate my reader friendly excel file (saved into a csv text file) into a format which can be understood by the mail merge program. It might be a little tedious to put together but in the end I am sure it would be a time saving exercise.

Kind Regards

Mike

"Brad Baxter" <bmb@ginger.libs.uga.edu> wrote in message news:Pine.A41.4.58.0403052114580.17250@ginger.libs.uga.edu...  
> On Fri, 5 Mar 2004, Euro Millions wrote:  
> > What I would like to do is simple (that is if you know it)  
> >  
> > I have a CSV text file (comma separated file) which contains the following  
> > info:

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> >  
> > *Language, Greeting,*  
> > *English, Hello,*  
> > *German, Hallo,*  
> > *Spanish, Hola,*  
> > *Japanese, Konnichiwa,*  
> >  
> > *I would like Perl to create an output file which looks as follows:*  
> >  
> > *Language,Language2, Language3, Langauge4, Greeting,Greeting2, Greeting3,*  
> > *Greeting4*  
> > *English, German, Spanish, Japanese, Hello, Hallo, Hola, Konnichiwa*  
>  
> *Okay, now tell us what you REALLY want to do. :-)*  
>  
> *Obviously, you don't really have that file, because writing a program for*  
> *that purpose just doesn't make sense. So, do you really have a file that*  
> *contains dozens of languages? Is "Greeting" always "Hello", not "Good*  
> *morning", "G'day", "Sup"? I assume your list contains other things, like*  
> *"Thank you", "Please", etc.*  
>  
> *The question as it stands is so trivial that I'm compelled to think you're*  
> *leaving out the parts that matter.*  
>  
> *Regards,*  
>  
> *Brad*  
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