

Re: Joining 2 strings

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selena_kid@yahoo.com (Sim) wrote in
news:82bbfd98.0408101451.69866dfa@posting.google.com:

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> I managed to solve the problem! It is very similar to the solution Jue
> posted. Here's how it goes. I wish to thank everyone who has thought
> through this problem. My MSN is jjsimz@hotmail.com. I am a college
> Physics student, and if you have any physics question, I might be of a
> little help. =)
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> #!/usr/bin/perl
> use strict;
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You want 'use warnings;' here as well.

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>
> open (FILE, 'sample.out') or die "could not open 'sample.out'!!! ";
> open (OUTPUTFILE, '>>output.out') or die "could not open
> 'output.out'!!! ";
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Error messages for files should say **why** the file couldn't be opened;
stick a \$! in both messages.

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> while (<FILE>) {
> s/^\s*((.*S?)\s*$/$1/; #removes spaces before and after the
> string
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The FAQ recommends doing this in two substitutions (neither of which
requires capturing) rather than one; it's usually faster.

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> print (OUTPUTFILE $_, ' ');
> if ($. % 3 == 0) {print (OUTPUTFILE "\n")}
> }
> close FILE;
> close OUTPUTFILE;
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