

## Re: Extract until unquote or EOL

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Mats wrote:

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> I've messed with this problem a while now. I want to parse a file for
> declarations (ex: NAME = "myname").
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> I wan't to extract the phrase/text between the two quotes. BUT If the
> last quote isn't available (type/user error) then it should extract
> until end of line. If no quotes are there at all, it should extract the
> whole line (except NAME=). If there are several double quotes, it should
> extract between the first two (that i seem to have achived).
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> My current testscript looks as below:
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> #!/usr/bin/perl -w
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> use strict;
>
> $_ = 'NAME = "between quotes" not this" nor this';
>
> print $1."\n" if m/\s*NAME\s*=\s*"*(.*?)"/s;
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>
> This prints out as i want:
> between quotes
>
> But if i delete the last two doublequotes and just keep the first it
> prints nothing. If i delete the first doublequote also, i get an
> "uninitialized value" error.
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> Anybody knows a smooth solution to this?
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print "$1\n" if /\s*NAME\s*=\s*"?(^")+/;
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John

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