

## Re: grep help request -- data fields max size

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Thanks Jay,

For your recommendation, is there a way I can limit the size, something like: `[\w\.-]{1,50}` or should I do that I bring in the data for first time? Have a great weekend! Dave Ft. Worth, Tx [ [www.coraconnection.com](http://www.coraconnection.com) ]

> It's going to be a whole lot easier, and probably just as fast, to use  
> `split()` and `join()` to break the strings apart and operate on each part  
> of the name separately. Also, once you've split the names, Perl has a  
> built-in `ucfirst()` function--see `perldoc -f ucfirst`--so you don't even  
> really need to write your own regex.  
>  
> `$SendersName = join(' ', map { ucfirst($_) } split //, $SendersName);`  
>  
> Names are more complicated than you think, though. What will you do  
> with strings like 'old mcdonald', 'old macdonald', and 'c.j. price'?

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