

Re: Extracting one record from multiple-records textfile

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On Wednesday 28 November 2007 14:05, Giuseppe.G. wrote:

On 28 Nov, 01:44, pa...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Jeff Pang) wrote:

Just show another way to do it.

```
use strict;
```

```
local $/="\n\n";  
while(<DATA>) {  
    next unless /^DOC-START\n(?:*)\nDOC-END$/sm;  
    my $content = $1;  
    parse($content);  
}
```

Thank you all for your answers. In particular, Jeff, I'm trying to use your code.. what does

```
local $/="\n\n";
```

do?

It sets the Input Record Separator to the string "\n\n" instead of the default "\n".

perldoc perlvar

I've noticed that if there are some newlines between DOC_START, text, and DOC_END, as in

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DOC_START

gfhdfghdfghfgh

DOC_END

by doing

```
local $/="\n\n";
```

I get output (if I don't do that \$content is empty). Can you tell me why?

Because you are changing the Input Record Separator and you have empty lines inside the document. Chose one of the other methods posted.

John

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use Perl;
program
fulfillment

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