

## Re: Quote-aware string splitting

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```
> import re
> regex = re.compile(r'''
> '.*?' | # single quoted substring
> ".*?" | # double quoted substring
> \S+ # all the rest
> ''', re.VERBOSE)
```

Oh, and if your strings may span more than one line, replace `re.VERBOSE` with `re.VERBOSE | re.DOTALL`.

George

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• *References:*

- ◆ [Quote-aware string splitting](#)  
◇ *From:* J. W. McCall
- ◆ [Re: Quote-aware string splitting](#)  
◇ *From:* Tim Heaney
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