

Re: get the first word of a file

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William.Deans@xxxxxxxxx wrote:

> duffman@xxxxxxxxx wrote:

>> Hi,

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>> I have a data file of the format

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>> 20051112|data|moreData|evenMoreData|..|

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>> its going to be a pipe delimited file, w/the only the first date beng

>> the constant. in unix which command would i write to extract the first

>> '20051112' out of this file?

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>> Thanks,

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> Greetings,

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> I am not quite sure what you are asking.

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> #to obtain the FIRST DATE ONLY

> cat data | sed s/\|.*// | head -1

sed can read a file. cat serves no purpose.

awk '{print \$0 + 0 ; exit}' myfile

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- *References:*

- ◆ *get the first word of a file*

- ◇ *From:* duffman

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