

RE: scripting problem

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The "IFS" environment variable controls it. Thanks Serge for reminding me of that.

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IFS='
'
```

```
# original code
```

```
IFS=' '
```

That should do it, I think...

Maarten Broekman

-----Original Message-----

From: redhat-list-bounces@xxxxxxxxxx
[<mailto:redhat-list-bounces@xxxxxxxxxx>] On Behalf Of Steven Buehler
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2008 4:23 PM
To: 'General Red Hat Linux discussion list'
Subject: RE: scripting problem

How do you do that? Never heard of that before.
Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: redhat-list-bounces@xxxxxxxxxx [<mailto:redhat-list-bounces@xxxxxxxxxx>] On Behalf Of Serge Dubrouski
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2008 3:13 PM
To: General Red Hat Linux discussion list
Subject: Re: scripting problem

One way would be to set IFS (Internal Field Separator) to CR before your loop and restore it after it.

On Jan 28, 2008 2:00 PM, Aaron Bliss <abliss@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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Steve,

The easiest way to work around the space problem is to just use tar

to

backup the home directory.

Aaron

Steven Buehler wrote:

I am hoping that someone here can help me with this. I am running

a little

script that backs up some directories for me. Below is snippet

that gets me

into trouble.

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#!/bin/sh  
DIRSTOBACKUP=`/bin/ls -d1 /home/user/*`  
for NAMEDIR in ${DIRSTOBACKUP[@]}  
do  
echo $NAMEDIR  
done  
-----
```

The problem is that some of the directories have spaces in the

names. When

running the for loop, it will take the new NAMEDIR at the space.

So "Red

Hat" would end up listing as 2 directories, "Red" and "Hat". Any

way around

this?

Thanks
Steve

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