

Re: Grep For Line Containing 1or 2 Words

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On Tue, 25 Jan 2005 at 21:47 GMT, Buck Turgidson wrote:

- > *Looking for help in writing a grep (or perl) that will pull from a text file*
- > *those lines containing one or two "words". I want to reject any line that*
- > *contains more than 2 words (a sentence).*
- >
- > *Appreciate any help from text processing experts.*

To get all lines with no more than 2 words:

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awk 'NF <= 2' FILENAME
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To eliminate empty lines also:

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awk 'NF && NF <= 2' FILENAME
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