

## Re: Select specific text in cell

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On Sat, 16 Feb 2008 16:31:39 -0500, "Rick Rothstein \ (MVP - VB)" <[rick.newsNO.SPAM@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:rick.newsNO.SPAM@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Sorry, but I am not up to speed on my RegEx yet... would that retain the c: from the front of the path or not?

If there were no "\" after the C:, then it would be retained. But if the C: represents a drive, is C:filename legal? OR must it be C:\filename

Yes, c:filename is legal. In the flurry of postings we have done, you missed my 2:40PM (EST) message. I am repeating it here so you don't have to look for it... see my test() subroutine and note in particular the path/filename used in the Open statement.

Expanding -- it would certainly be possible for a parser in which the "\" preceding the filename was optional

Which is, of course, a possibility; though, in today's type file referencing, somewhat rare. If the default path is at the directory where the file is located, then you can legally specify the file using something like this... c:filename.ext and the operating system will look in the current directory. On my system, there is a directory called TEMP at the root level of my C: drive. In that directory is a file named Test.txt. The following code (showing a 'backslashless' path reference) prints the first line of the file into the Immediate window...

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Sub test()  
ChDir "c:\temp"  
Open "c:test.txt" For Input As #1  
Line Input #1, LineOfText  
Close #1
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Debug.Print LineOfText  
End Sub
```

Rick

Well, as written, the regex would retain the C:.

If you wanted to return filename without the C:, it would be a simple alteration in the regex:

```
re.Pattern = "([^\|:]*\S)\s?-[^\|]*$"
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This is a bit more robust, though:

```
re.Pattern = "([^\|:]*\S)\s*-[^\|]*$"
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--ron

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