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Pretzels - July 4, 2014, 5:06 am

Hey,

I have a richtextbox with the following content:

```
Code abcd*efgh*ijkl*mnop
1234*5678*9101*1121
```

I have the following code to extract each line from the richtextbox:

```
Code For Each file In b.Text
    Dim item As String = file.ToString
    Dim first As String() = item.split("*")(0)
    MsgBox(first)
```

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But that code, for some reason, returns only the first letter, so or a, or 1.

Why?

How else could I do this?

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```
Code For Each file In b.Text
    Dim item As String = file.ToString
    Dim first As String() = item.split("*")
    Dim fValue as String = first(0)
    Dim sValue as String = first(1)
    MsgBox(fValue)
```

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This will work and may be more useful in the future.

sanderele1 - July 4, 2014, 5:53 am

Your problem is on this line:

PHP Code

```
<?php
```

```
Dim first As String() = item.split("*")(0)
```

Remove the () in the Dim first as string()

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I could fix the code for you, but it's better to learn for yourself.

<http://howtostartprogramming.com/vb-net/vb-net-tutorial-36-splitting-strings/>

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```
Code For each Item as string in textbox.lines
```

```
Dim Value as string = split(item,"*")(0)
```

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Should work fine

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Got it sorted and is now working, thanks for your help.