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Mail::Message::Field::Flex - one line of a message header

INHERITANCE

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Mail::Message::Field::Flex is a Mail::Message::Field is a Mail::Reporter
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SYNOPSIS

DESCRIPTION

This is the flexible implementation of a field: it can easily be extended because it stores its data in a hash and the constructor (new) and initializer (init) are split. However, you pay the price in performance. Mail::Message::Field::Fast is faster (as the name predicts).

Extends "DESCRIPTION" in Mail::Message::Field.

OVERLOADED

METHODS

Extends "METHODS" in Mail::Message::Field.

Constructors

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Extends "Constructors" in Mail::Message::Field.
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$obj->clone()
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Inherited, see "Constructors" in Mail::Message::Field

Mail::Message::Field::Flex->new(\$data)

If you stick to this flexible class of header fields, you have a bit more facilities than with Mail::Message::Field::Fast. Amongst it, you can specify options with the creation. Possible arguments:

new LINE

ass a LINE as it could be found in a file: a (possibly folded) line which is terminated by a newline.

• **new** NAME, (BODY|OBJECTS), [ATTRIBUTES], OPTIONS

A set of values which shape the line.

To be able to distinguish the different parameters, you will have to specify the OPTIONS as ARRAY of option pairs, or HASH of options. The ATTRIBUTES are a flat list of key-value pairs. The body is specified as one BODY string, one OBJECT, or a reference to an array of OBJECTS. See Mail::Message::Field:

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-Option --Defined in --Default
                          attributes
                                                                                                                []
                          comment
                                                                                                                undef
                         log Mail::Reporter trace Mail::Reporter
                                                         Mail::Reporter 'WARNINGS'
                                                                                                                  'WARNINGS'
                    attributes => ATTRS
                         Reference to array with list of key-value pairs representing attributes, or reference to a hash
                         containing these pairs. This is an alternative notation for specifying ATTRIBUTES directly as
                         method arguments.
                    comment => STRING
                         A pre-formatted list of attributes.
                    log => LEVEL
                    trace => LEVEL
The field
          Extends "The field" in Mail::Message::Field.
          $obj->isStructured()
          Mail::Message::Field::Flex->isStructured()
                    Inherited, see "The field" in Mail::Message::Field
          $obj->length()
                    Inherited, see "The field" in Mail::Message::Field
          $obj->nrLines()
                    Inherited, see "The field" in Mail::Message::Field
          $obj->print([$fh])
                    Inherited, see "The field" in Mail::Message::Field
                    Inherited, see "The field" in Mail::Message::Field
          $obj->string([$wrap])
                    Inherited, see "The field" in Mail::Message::Field
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                    Inherited, see "The field" in Mail::Message::Field
Access to the name
          Extends "Access to the name" in Mail::Message::Field.
          $obj->Name()
                    Inherited, see "Access to the name" in Mail::Message::Field
          $obj->name()
                    Inherited, see "Access to the name" in Mail::Message::Field
          $obj->wellformedName([STRING])
                    Inherited, see "Access to the name" in Mail::Message::Field
Access to the body
          Extends "Access to the body" in Mail::Message::Field.
          $obj->body()
                    Inherited, see "Access to the body" in Mail::Message::Field
          $obj->folded()
                    Inherited, see "Access to the body" in Mail::Message::Field
          $obj->foldedBody([$body])
                    Inherited, see "Access to the body" in Mail::Message::Field
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\$obj->stripCFWS([STRING])

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Mail::Message::Field::Flex->stripCFWS([STRING])
         Inherited, see "Access to the body" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->unfoldedBody( [$body, [$wrap]] )
         Inherited, see "Access to the body" in Mail::Message::Field
Access to the content
    Extends "Access to the content" in Mail::Message::Field.
    $obj->addresses()
         Inherited, see "Access to the content" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->attribute($name, [$value])
         Inherited, see "Access to the content" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->attributes()
         Inherited, see "Access to the content" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->comment([STRING])
         Inherited, see "Access to the content" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->study()
         Inherited, see "Access to the content" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->toDate([$time])
    Mail::Message::Field::Flex->toDate([$time])
         Inherited, see "Access to the content" in Mail::Message::Field
     $obj->toInt()
         Inherited, see "Access to the content" in Mail::Message::Field
Other methods
    Extends "Other methods" in Mail::Message::Field.
    $obj->dateToTimestamp(STRING)
    Mail::Message::Field::Flex->dateToTimestamp(STRING)
         Inherited, see "Other methods" in Mail::Message::Field
Internals
    Extends "Internals" in Mail::Message::Field.
    $obj->consume($line|<$name,<$body|$objects>>)
         Inherited, see "Internals" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->defaultWrapLength( [$length] )
         Inherited, see "Internals" in Mail::Message::Field
     $obj->fold( $name, $body, [$maxchars] )
    Mail::Message::Field::Flex->fold($name, $body, [$maxchars])
         Inherited, see "Internals" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->setWrapLength([$length])
         Inherited, see "Internals" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->stringifyData(STRING|ARRAY|$objects)
         Inherited, see "Internals" in Mail::Message::Field
    $obj->unfold(STRING)
         Inherited, see "Internals" in Mail::Message::Field
Error handling
    Extends "Error handling" in Mail::Message::Field.
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$obj->AUTOLOAD()
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->addReport($object)
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->defaultTrace([$level]|[$loglevel, $tracelevel]|[$level, $callback])
    Mail::Message::Field::Flex->defaultTrace([$level]|[$loglevel, $tracelevel]|[$level, $callback])
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->errors()
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->log([$level, [$strings]])
    Mail::Message::Field::Flex->log([$level, [$strings]])
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->logPriority($level)
    Mail::Message::Field::Flex->logPriority($level)
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->logSettings()
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->notImplemented()
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->report([$level])
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->reportAll([$level])
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->trace( [$level] )
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
    $obj->warnings()
         Inherited, see "Error handling" in Mail::Reporter
Cleanup
    Extends "Cleanup" in Mail::Message::Field.
    $obj->DESTROY()
         Inherited, see "Cleanup" in Mail::Reporter
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DETAILS

Extends "DETAILS" in Mail::Message::Field.

DIAGNOSTICS

Warning: Field content is not numerical: \$content

The numeric value of a field is requested (for instance the Lines or Content-Length fields should be numerical), however the data contains weird characters.

Warning: Illegal character in field name \$name

A new field is being created which does contain characters not permitted by the RFCs. Using this field in messages may break other e-mail clients or transfer agents, and therefore mutulate or extinguish your message.

Error: Package \$package does not implement \$method.

Fatal error: the specific package (or one of its superclasses) does not implement this method where it should. This message means that some other related classes do implement this method however the class at hand does not. Probably you should investigate this and probably inform the author of the package.

SEE ALSO

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