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**NAME**

CPAN::HandleConfig - internal configuration handling for CPAN.pm

**CLASS->safe\_quote ITEM**

Quotes an item to become safe against spaces in shell interpolation. An item is enclosed in double quotes if:

- the item contains spaces in the middle
- the item does not start with a quote

This happens to avoid shell interpolation problems when whitespace is present in directory names.

This method uses `commands_quote` to determine the correct quote. If `commands_quote` is a space, no quoting will take place.

if it starts and ends with the same quote character: leave it as it is

if it contains no whitespace: leave it as it is

if it contains whitespace, then

if it contains quotes: better leave it as it is

else: quote it with the correct quote type for the box we're on

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