WHENEVER I LEARN A NEW SKILL I CONCOCT ELABORATE FANTASY SCENARIOS WHERE IT LETS ME SAVE THE DAY.
OH NO! THE KILLER MUST HAVE FOLLOWED HER ON VACATION!
BUT TO FIND THEM WE'D HAVE TO SEARCH THROUGH 200 MB OF EMAILS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FORMATTED LIKE AN ADDRESS!
IT'S HOPELESS!
EVERYBODY STAND BACK.
I KNOW REGULAR EXPRESSIONS.
PERL!
TAP TAP

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- No hidden characters (well kinda)
- no space consuming extra formatting
- stable format
- easy to read
- free to open and save
- we can regex them

Regular Expressions

- is it a programming language?
- powerful search and replace toolkit
- power lies in wildcard operators
  - e.g. \w \d \t \s \n \r .