



STRING MANIPULATION WITH STRINGR

# Regular expressions

# Regular expressions

- A language for describing patterns

`^.[\d]+`

- "the start of the string, followed by any single character, followed by one or more digits"

# Regular expressions as a pattern argument

```
> str_detect(c("R2-D2", "C-3P0"), pattern = "^\\.\\d+")
[1] TRUE FALSE

> START %R%
  ANY_CHAR %R%
one_or_more(DGT)

<regex> ^\\.\\d+
```

rebus

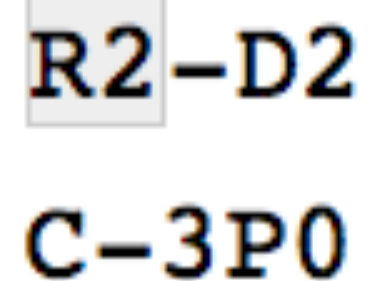
```
START %R%
  ANY_CHAR %R%
  one_or_more(DGT)
```

Regular expression

```
^\\.\\d+
```

# Regular expressions as a pattern argument

```
> str_detect(c("R2-D2", "C-3P0"),  
  pattern = START %R%  
            ANY_CHAR %R%  
            one_or_more(DGT))  
[1] TRUE FALSE  
  
> str_view(c("R2-D2", "C-3P0"),  
  pattern = START %R%  
            ANY_CHAR %R%  
            one_or_more(DGT))
```



R2-D2  
C-3P0

In HTML viewer



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# More regular expressions

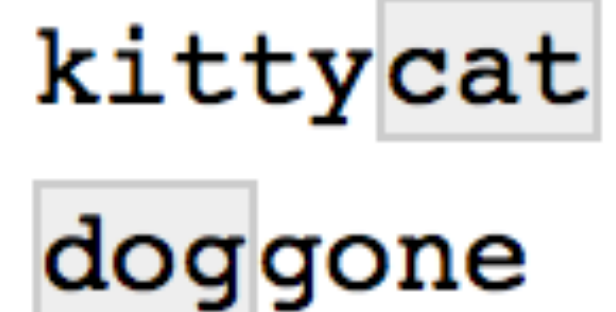
# Regular expression review

Pattern	Regular Expression	rebus
Start of string	^	START
End of string	\$	END
Any single character	.	ANY_CHAR

# Alternation

(dog|cat)

```
> or("dog", "cat")  
<regex> (? :dog|cat)  
  
> str_view(c("kittycat", "doggone"),  
  pattern = or("dog", "cat"))
```

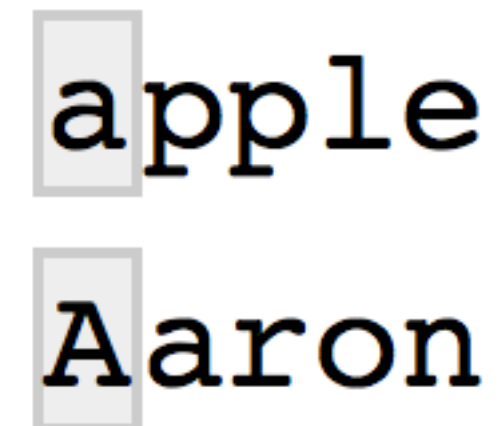


kittycat  
doggone

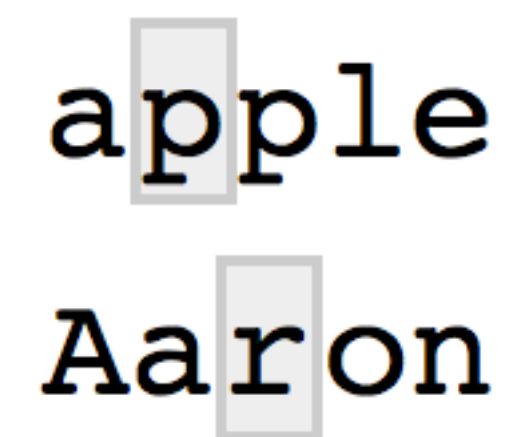


# Character classes

```
> char_class("Aa")  
<regex> [Aa]  
  
> str_view(c("apple", "Aaron"),  
  pattern = char_class("Aa"))  
  
> negated_char_class("Aa")  
<regex> [^Aa]  
  
> str_view(c("apple", "Aaron"),  
  pattern = negated_char_class("Aa"))
```



apple  
Aaron

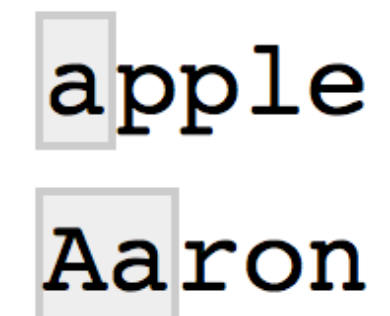


apple  
Aaron

# Repetition

Pattern	Regular Expression	rebus
Optional	?	<code>optional()</code>
Zero or more	*	<code>zero_or_more()</code>
One or more	+	<code>one_or_more()</code>
Between n and m times	{n}{m}	<code>repeated()</code>

```
> str_view(c("apple", "Aaron"),  
  pattern = one_or_more("Aa"))
```



apple  
Aaron



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# Shortcuts

# Ranges in character classes

```
> DOLLAR %R% char_class("0123456789")  
<regex> \[0123456789]
```

```
> char_class("0-9")  
<regex> [0-9]
```

**A digit**

```
> char_class("a-z")  
<regex> [a-z]
```

**A lower case letter**

```
> char_class("A-Z")  
<regex> [A-Z]
```

**An upper case letter**

# Shortcuts

```
> DGT  
<regex> \d
```

**A digit**

```
> WRD  
<regex> \w
```

**A word character**

```
> SPC  
<regex> \s
```

**A whitespace character**

```
> char_class("0-9")  
<regex> [0-9]
```

```
> char_class("a-zA-z0-9_")  
<regex> [a-zA-z0-9_]
```

# National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS)

- neiss package <https://github.com/hadley/neiss>
- Injuries reported in ER of random sample of hospitals

19YOM-SHOULDER STRAIN-WAS TACKLED WHILE  
PLAYING FOOTBALL W/ FRIENDS

19 year old male



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