

Regular Expression

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Regular Expressions

In computing, a regular expression, also referred to as "regex" or "regexp", provides a concise and flexible means for matching strings of text, such as particular characters, words, or patterns of characters. A regular expression is written in a formal language that can be interpreted by a regular expression processor.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular_expression

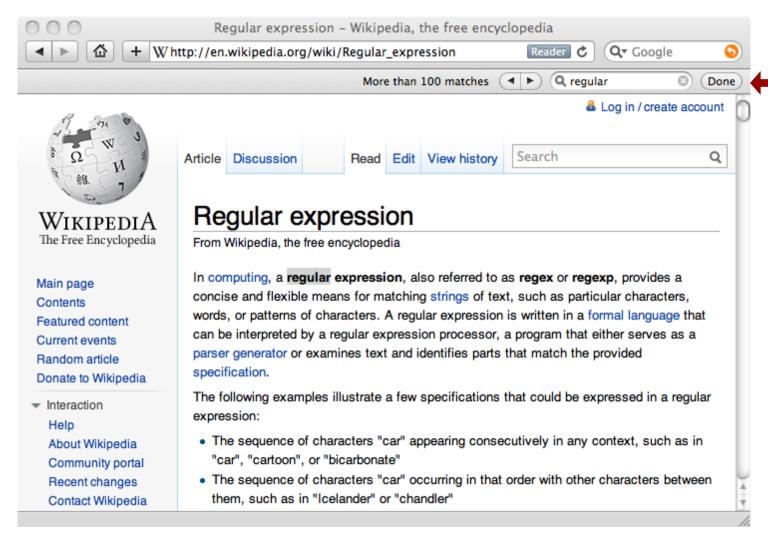


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Really clever "wild card" expressions for matching and parsing strings.

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Really smart "Find" or "Search"



Understanding Regular Expressions

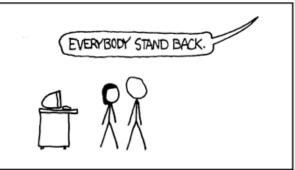
- ☐ Very powerful and quite cryptic
- ☐ Fun once you understand them
- ☐ Regular expressions are a language unto themselves
- ☐ A language of "marker characters" programming with characters
- ☐ It is kind of an "old school" language compact

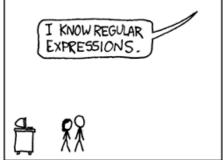


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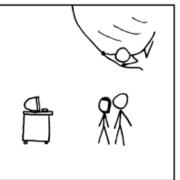


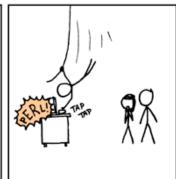
















Regular Expressions – Quick Guide (1)

- Any Character Except New Line
- **d** Digit (0-9)
- **D** Not a Digit (0-9)
- **w** Word Character (a-z, A-Z, 0-9, _)
- W Not a Word Character
- **\s** Whitespace (space, tab, newline)
- S Not Whitespace (space, tab, newline)



Regular Expressions – Quick Guide (2)

- **b** Word Boundary
- **B** Not a Word Boundary
- Beginning of a String
- End of a String



Regular Expressions – Quick Guide (3)

- Matches Characters in brackets
- Matches Characters NOT in brackets
- Either Or
- () Group



Regular Expressions – Quick Guide (4)

Quantifiers:

- * 0 or More
- + 1 or More
- ? 0 or One
- **Exact Number**
- **{3,4}** Range of Numbers (Minimum, Maximum)



Regular Expressions – Quick Guide (5)

Sample Reg-Ex

$$[a-zA-Z0-9_.+-]+@[a-zA-Z0-9-]+\\.[a-zA-Z0-9-.]+$$



Thank You!

