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Map a regular expression

Map a regular expression when you want to format the text and color of a regular expression value.

Before you begin

• [Add a panel to a dashboard] ({{< relref "../working-with-panels/add-panel.md" >}}).

To map a regular expression:

- 1. Edit the panel for which you want to map a regular expression.
- 2. In the panel display options, in the Value mappings section, click Add value mappings.
- 3. Click Add a new mapping and then select Regex.
- 4. Enter the regular expression pattern for Grafana to match.
- 5. (Optional) Enter display text.
- 6. (Optional) Set the color.
- 7. Click **Update** to save the value mapping.