# CS 45, Lecture 3 Data Wrangling

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#### **Administrivia**

- Assignment 1 is live! It covers regular expressions and data wrangling. It is due on Monday, January 23rd.
- Office hours are listed on the course website. Come if you need help or want to chat!

#### What we know

In Lecture 1, we learned how to:

- What the shell is
- What the UNIX philosophy is
- How to run basic commands such as 1s, cd, cat, man, wc
- How to pipe commands together using the | operator
- How to redirect output using < and >
- How to append to the end of a fine using >>

# What we will learn today

In today's lecture, we will learn how to combine these commands in powerful ways:

- How to use shell commands to manipulate and analyze data
- How to write regular expressions
- How to run more complex shell commands such as grep, sort, uniq,
   xargs

## What is Data Wrangling?

#### **Data Wrangling Definition**

The basic idea of data wrangling is that you take some raw data and convert or transform it into another form that is more useful.

Ideally, you do this in the most efficient way with the use of a tool 😁



More sources of data and larger amounts of data have made data wrangling increasingly important.

#### TYPICAL PROCESS LATENCY:

AUTOMATED STEPS: 800 MS AUTOMATED STEPS: 200 MS

SOMEONE COPIES AND PASTES DATA FROM A THING INTO ANOTHER THING: 2-15 MINUTES (MORE IF THE PERSON ON CALL IS BUSY)

Source: XKCD

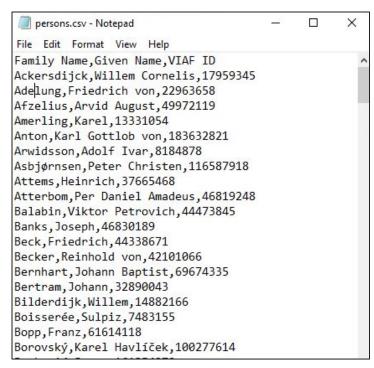
Data wrangling techniques are typically dictated by the data format you are using. Here are five common file formats for storing data:

- CSV
- XML
- HTML
- JSON
- TXT

A **CSV** file is a comma-separated values file where information is separated

by commas.

- CSV are plain text files
- Data can be saved in tabular format (meaning a table of rows and columns)
- CSV files are often used to analyze data with spreadsheets



A **XML** file is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) file that is used to store data in a hierarchical format.

- XML files were created for storing documents in a way that both humans and machines could read.
- XML files consist of tags that define the hierarchy within the document.

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data-set - Notepad
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File Edit Format View Help
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<data-set xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
        <record>
                <LastName>Smith</LastName>
                <Sales>16753</Sales>
                <Country>UK</Country>
                <Ouarter>Otr 3</Ouarter>
        </record>
        <record>
                <LastName>Johnson</LastName>
                <Sales>14808</Sales>
                <Country>USA</Country>
                <Ouarter>Qtr 4</Quarter>
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An **HTML** file is an Hypertext Markup Language file that is used to store data in a hierarchical format, specifically webpages.

- HTML files are similar to XML files
- Key difference between the two
  is that HTML files must use a
  predefined set of tags to define
  hierarchical structure

```
webpage - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
  <!doctype html>
< html>
  <head>
    <title>Document title</title>
  </head>
  <body style="background-color:black;">
     <center>
       <img src="https://www.mywebsite.com/logo_banner.png>
       <a href="https://www.mywebsite.com/home><img src=</pre>
       "https://www.mywebsite.com/home_button.ipg>
       <a href="https://www.mywebsite.com/page2><img src=
       "https://www.mywebsite.com/next_button.jpg>
        </center>
         <hr>
         <h1 style="color:white;">About Us</ht>
         <hr>
        A little about us...
         <hr>
     </body>
</html>
```

A **JSON** file is a JavaScript Object Notation file that stores structured data in

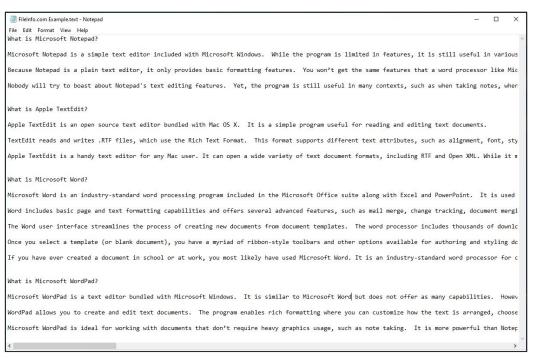
the form of JavaScript objects.

 JSON files are often used for transmitting data in web applications (e.g. sending some data from the server to the client)

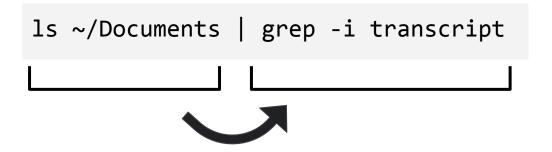
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                 "Gender": "Male",
                 "Country": "United States",
                 "Age": "21"
                 "Name": "Mark Paul",
                 "Gender": "Male",
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                 "Age": "24"
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                                                            UTF-8
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#### A **TXT** file is a plaintext file that stores data in the form of lines.

- TXT files have no special formatting.



We've already seen a basic form of data wrangling with the | operator.



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log show | grep -i Chrome journalctl | grep -i Chrome (Linux)
```

wevutil gp Microsoft-Windows-Eventlog /ge:true | grep -i Chrome

(Windows)

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We should make sure to avoid sending unnecessary data across the machines. Let's run the pipeline on the remote machine by adding quotes:

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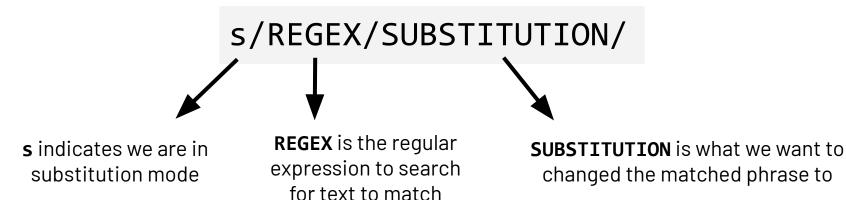
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We can use a tool called **sed** to help sift through our data.

sed is a stream editor that is built into Unix.

It can be used for searching a file, adding lines to a file, or substituting text in a file.

Let's use sed for substitution.



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#### What is a regular expression?

A regular expression (also called a regex) is a set of characters that specifies a search pattern.

Most ASCII characters carry their normal meaning but some characters have special matching behavior.

There is some variation between different implementations of regular expressions.

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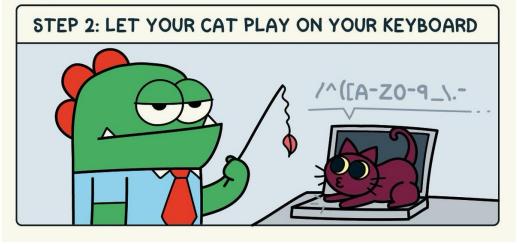
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### **HOW TO REGEX**





Source: @garabatokid

### **RegEx Applications**

Regular expressions are really useful in all kinds of applications!

You can use regular expressions inside of applications such as Excel and Google Sheets that support data processing.

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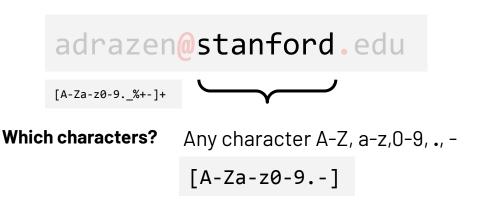
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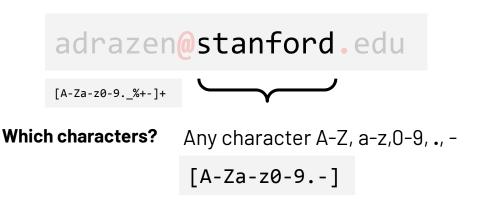
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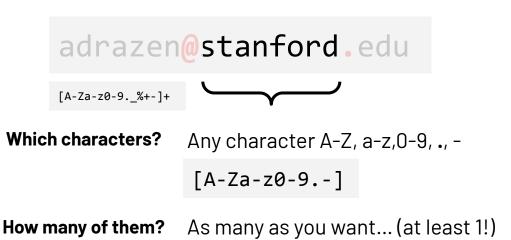
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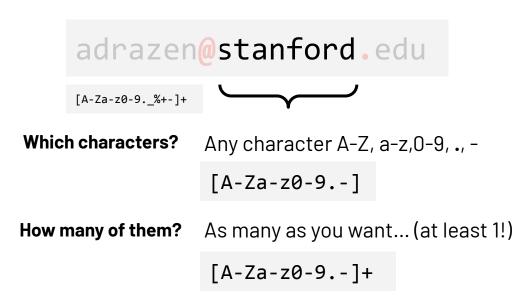


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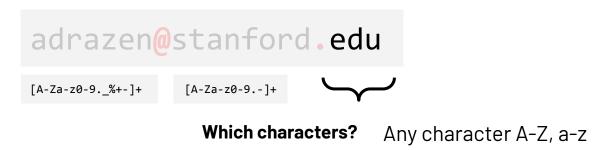
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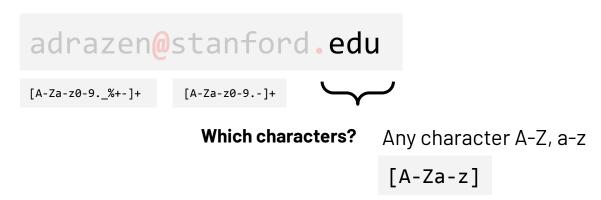
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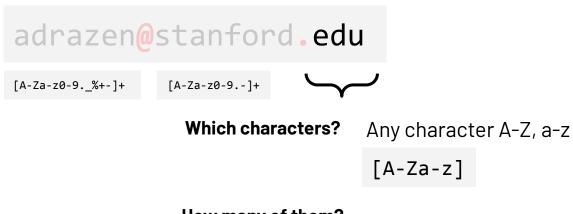


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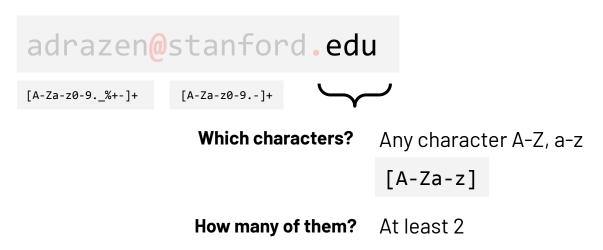
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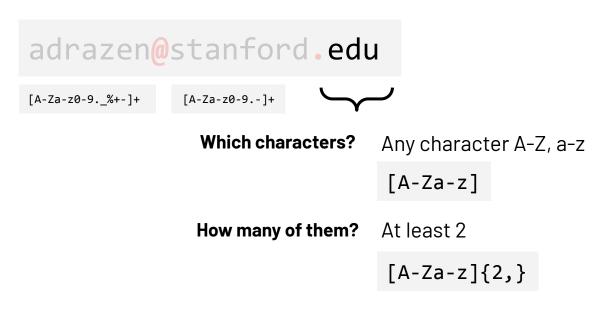


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$$[A-Za-z0-9.-]+$$

$$[A-Za-z]{2,}$$

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adrazen@stanford.edu

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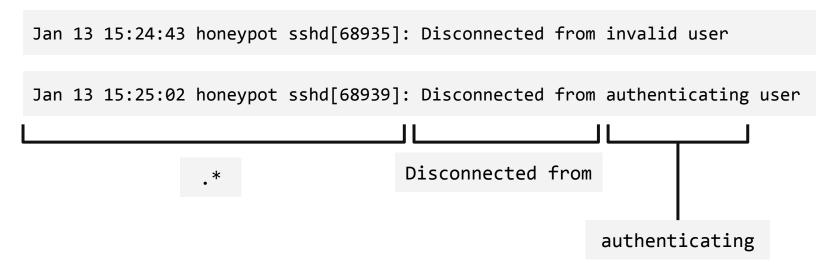
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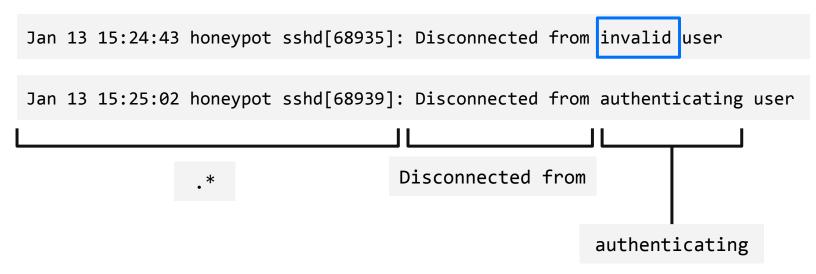
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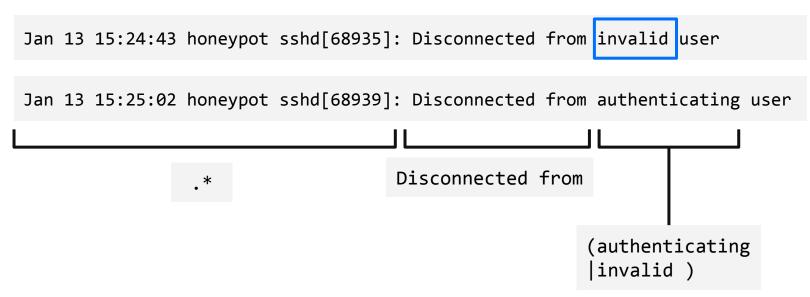
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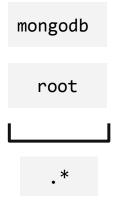
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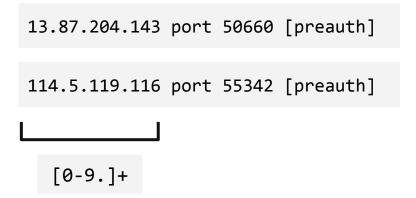
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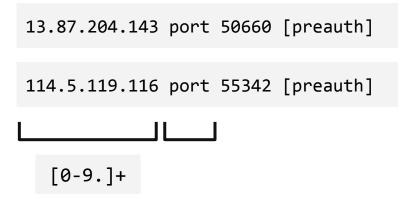
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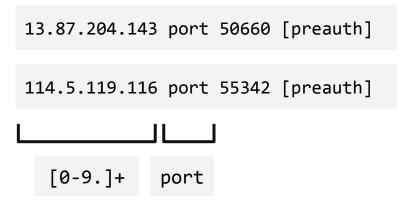
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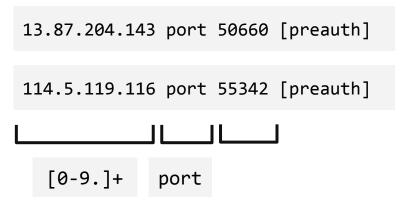
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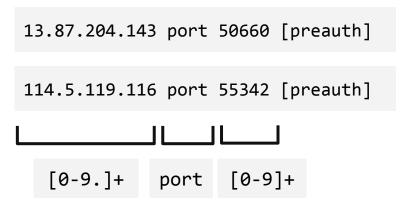
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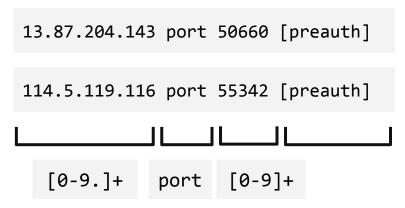


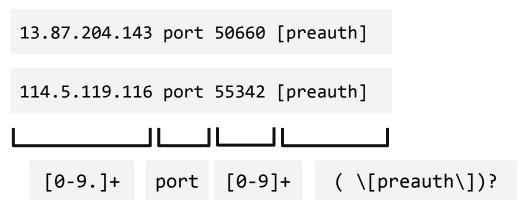












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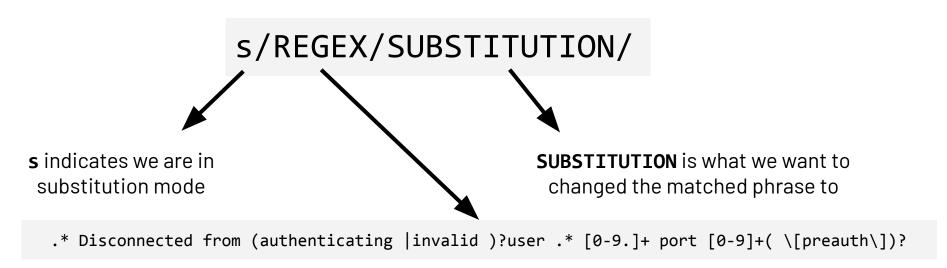


**s** indicates we are in substitution mode

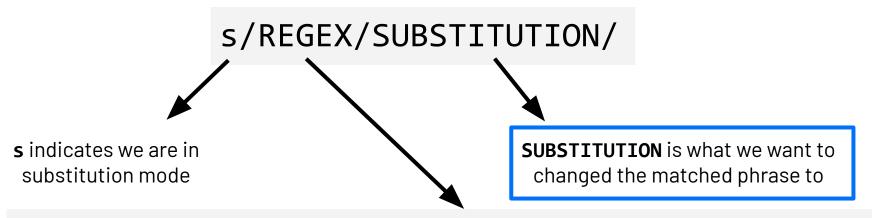
**REGEX** is the regular expression to search for text to match

**SUBSTITUTION** is what we want to changed the matched phrase to

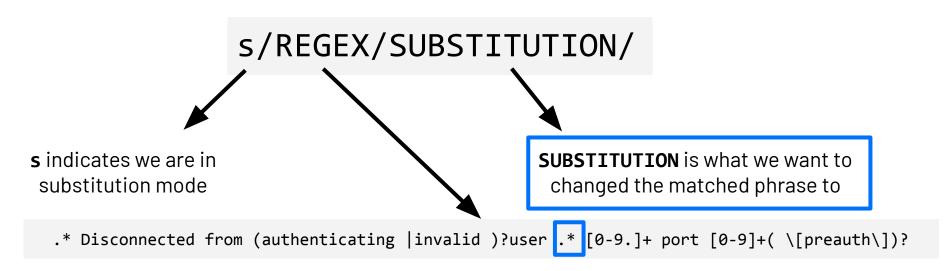
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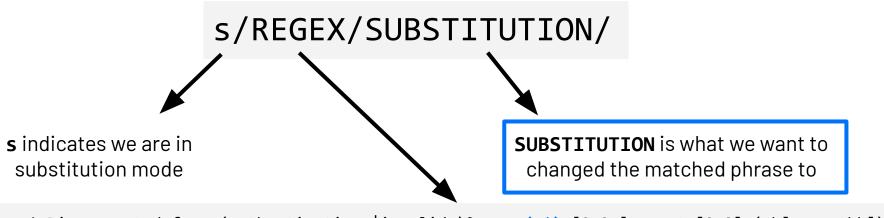
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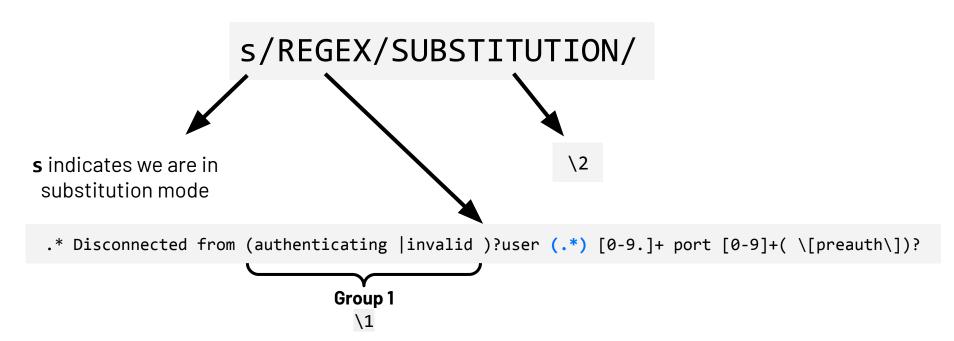
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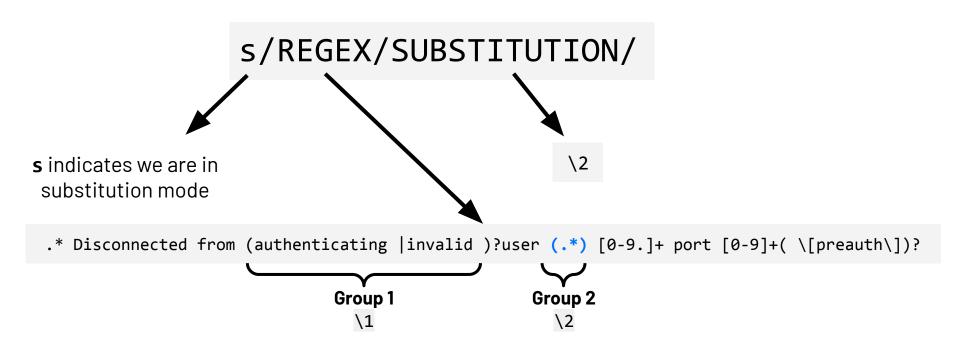


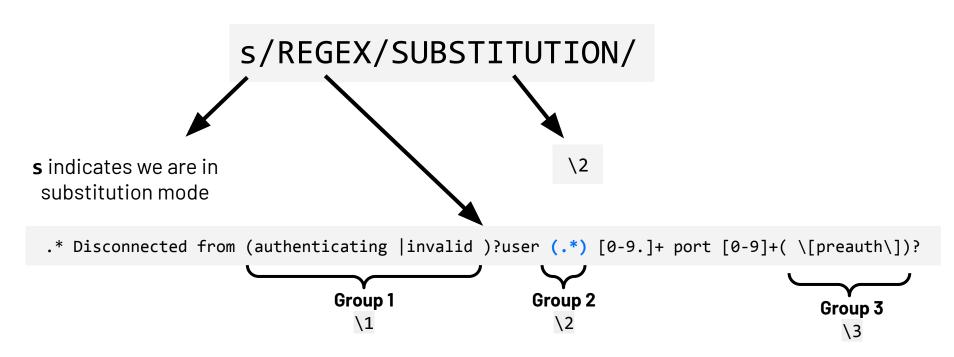
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If you want to use a regex with sed, make sure to include the -E flag:

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sed -E 's/AY[0-9]{2}-[0-9]{2}/AY22-23' file.txt
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Now that we have all of the usernames, we can run some analysis on the sort

is a command that will arrange (i.e. sort) the data alphabetically or numerically.

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tail is a command that prints the last lines X lines of a files

The -nX flag allows you to specify the number of lines you are interested in printing.

the arguments to another command.

Let's look at an example!

the arguments to another command.

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adrazen@ayelet-computer ~ % cat filenames.txt
homework.txt
program.py
todo-list.txt
random.txt
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#### **Other Commands and Tools**

There are many useful commands, tools and languages out there for data wrangling. Here are a few to check out if you are interested:

awk is a scripting language for manipulating data and generating reports

R is another programming language that is great at data analysis and plotting.

perl is a programming language for text manipulation