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## How to use PHP preg\_match for text between a colon and period?

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I have this string:

```
$style = "width:87.0%";
```



How do I use PHP `preg_match()` to extract just "87" from it? For the life of me I can't get my head wrapper around regex :(



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asked Feb 19 '13 at 1:33



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```
preg_match('/:(*?)\.\/', $style, $matches);  
echo $matches[1];
```



The `?` makes the regex reluctant/ungreedy



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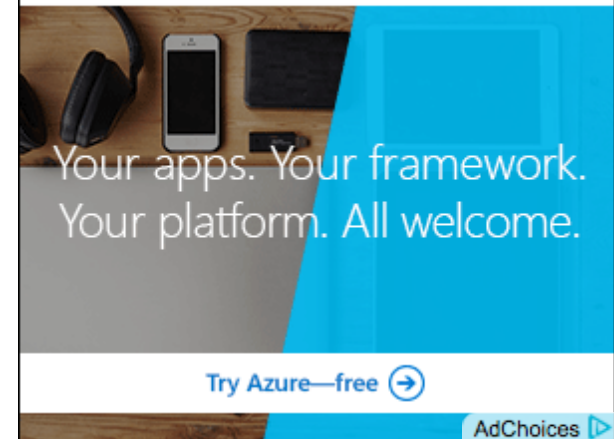
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```
preg_match('~:(\d+)\.~', 'width:87.0%;', $m);  
print_r($m);
```



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```
print $m[1]; // 87
```



`\d` only digits, `+` one or more times, `()` group (catch) it to use later.

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