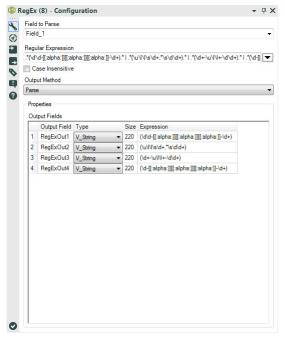


Reject

Thanks Tara. Would it be possible for the analyst the develops the recommended solution to post a brief write up explaining their choices in solving the problem? There's always multiple ways to approach such a problem and I think it's extremely helpful for learning to understand they 'why' behind a solution.

For example, in the first RegEx tool node, 4 output fields are configured, which then get evaluated into a single output via a sequence in a single formula tool. As I examine the RegEx tool, I wonder why 4 outputs were needed? Does each solve for a particular format? Are they designed to be mutually exclusive, etc.



I think of there was just a brief 1-2 sentence explanation for the particular choices, it would greatly enhance understanding of the solution.





Hi @dataMack

Like you said, there is always multiple ways to approach work flows in Alteryx. In the case above there was 4 different formats the dates could be in. Since I'm not an expert with RegEx wanted to keep each in its own column for reformatting downstream (thus the 4). If I was a RegEx master I'm sure there is a single statement to identify all the dates and extract them in a nice clean date-time format.

I will try to provide a bit more explanation on approaches in the future, but keep in mind that there are many ways to solve an exercise and we are only posting an example. There is always another way and more often than not, a better way.

Best Regards,

@GeneR





Thanks <u>@GeneR</u> That's perfect- I was wondering if you specifically made 4 to catch the possible variations only in the source file, or if the statements were designed to work on other variations that may not be present in that source, but possible in another, similar file. Very much appreciate the explanation- thank you!





This is the first exercise I've downloaded and looked at so far (we just got our Alteryx licenses). I initially looked at the RegEx syntax and thought "my Lord, how am I ever going to unpack that so that I could ever hope to build one of those myself", and then I noticed the drop-down menu next to the Regular Expression text box. That is seriously wonderful...the fact that you can build a RegEx statement by just selecting the components you want in the order you want. I realize this won't be necessary once I familiarize myself with the syntax more, but having this tool for the novice user is gold. Alteryx is an amazing tool. That's all I wanted to say. :-)

-Mike





