Regex Anti-pattern Study

Q1 How long have you worked as a professional software developer? (Interships/co-ops also count)

○ No Experience (6)

○ Less than one year (1)

○ 1-2 years (2)

○ 3-5 years (3)

○ 6-10 years (4)

○ more than 10 years (5)

Q3 Estimate your regular expression expertise level:

○ No Experience. Did not work with regexes before. (5)

○ Novice. For example, you know what repetition operators like * and + do. (1)

○ Intermediate. For example, you have used more sophisticated features like non-greedy quantifiers /a+?/ and character classes / \d | \w | [abc] | [^\d]/. (2)

○ Expert. For example, you have used features like backreferences /(a+) \1/ and look-ahead/behind assertions /(? (3)

○ Master. You have written a regular expression engine. (4)

Q4 Are you familiar with the concept of Infinite Ambiguity in the regex?

○ Yes (4)

○ No (5)

Q5 Have you ever modified a regular expression to fix Infinite Ambiguity in the regex?

○ Yes (13)

○ No (14)

Q8 Please write your email so that we can contact you.

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