## **NAME**

PCRE - Perl-compatible regular expressions

## **SYNOPSIS**

## **DESCRIPTION**

This function matches a compiled regular expression that has been successfully studied with one of the JIT options against a given subject string, using a matching algorithm that is similar to Perl's. It is a "fast path" interface to JIT, and it bypasses some of the sanity checks that **pcre\_exec()** applies. It returns offsets to captured substrings. Its arguments are:

```
Points to the compiled pattern
code
extra
          Points to an associated pcre[16|32]_extra structure,
         or is NULL
subject
          Points to the subject string
          Length of the subject string, in bytes
length
startoffset Offset in bytes in the subject at which to
         start matching
           Option bits
options
           Points to a vector of ints for result offsets
ovector
          Number of elements in the vector (a multiple of 3)
ovecsize
jstack
          Pointer to a JIT stack
```

## The allowed options are:

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PCRE NOTBOL
                      Subject string is not the beginning of a line
PCRE NOTEOL
                     Subject string is not the end of a line
PCRE_NOTEMPTY
                       An empty string is not a valid match
PCRE_NOTEMPTY_ATSTART An empty string at the start of the subject
             is not a valid match
PCRE_NO_UTF16_CHECK Do not check the subject for UTF-16
             validity (only relevant if PCRE_UTF16
             was set at compile time)
PCRE_NO_UTF32_CHECK Do not check the subject for UTF-32
             validity (only relevant if PCRE_UTF32
             was set at compile time)
PCRE_NO_UTF8_CHECK Do not check the subject for UTF-8
             validity (only relevant if PCRE_UTF8
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was set at compile time)

PCRE\_PARTIAL ) Return PCRE\_ERROR\_PARTIAL for a partial PCRE\_PARTIAL\_SOFT ) match if no full matches are found PCRE\_PARTIAL\_HARD Return PCRE\_ERROR\_PARTIAL for a partial match if that is found before a full match

However, the PCRE\_NO\_UTF[8|16|32]\_CHECK options have no effect, as this check is never applied. For details of partial matching, see the **pcrepartial** page. A **pcre\_extra** structure contains the following fields:

flags Bits indicating which fields are set study\_data Opaque data from pcre[16|32]\_study()
match\_limit Limit on internal resource use
match\_limit\_recursion Limit on internal recursion depth callout\_data Opaque data passed back to callouts
tables Points to character tables or is NULL
mark For passing back a \*MARK pointer
executable\_jit Opaque data from JIT compilation

The flag bits are PCRE\_EXTRA\_STUDY\_DATA, PCRE\_EXTRA\_MATCH\_LIMIT, PCRE\_EXTRA\_MATCH\_LIMIT\_RECURSION, PCRE\_EXTRA\_CALLOUT\_DATA, PCRE\_EXTRA\_TABLES, PCRE\_EXTRA\_MARK and PCRE\_EXTRA\_EXECUTABLE\_JIT.

There is a complete description of the PCRE native API in the **pcreapi** page and a description of the JIT API in the **pcrejit** page.