

**NAME**

PCRE - Perl-compatible regular expressions

**SYNOPSIS**

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#include <pcre.h>

int pcre_copy_named_substring(const pcre *code,
    const char *subject, int *ovector,
    int stringcount, const char *stringname,
    char *buffer, int buffersize);

int pcre16_copy_named_substring(const pcre16 *code,
    PCRE_SPTR16 subject, int *ovector,
    int stringcount, PCRE_SPTR16 stringname,
    PCRE_UCHAR16 *buffer, int buffersize);

int pcre32_copy_named_substring(const pcre32 *code,
    PCRE_SPTR32 subject, int *ovector,
    int stringcount, PCRE_SPTR32 stringname,
    PCRE_UCHAR32 *buffer, int buffersize);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This is a convenience function for extracting a captured substring, identified by name, into a given buffer. The arguments are:

<i>code</i>	Pattern that was successfully matched
<i>subject</i>	Subject that has been successfully matched
<i>ovector</i>	Offset vector that <b>pcre[16 32]_exec()</b> used
<i>stringcount</i>	Value returned by <b>pcre[16 32]_exec()</b>
<i>stringname</i>	Name of the required substring
<i>buffer</i>	Buffer to receive the string
<i>buffersize</i>	Size of buffer

The yield is the length of the substring, PCRE\_ERROR\_NOMEMORY if the buffer was too small, or PCRE\_ERROR\_NOSUBSTRING if the string name is invalid.

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