

**NAME**

PCRE - Perl-compatible regular expressions

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <pcre.h>

int pcre_refcount(pcre *code, int adjust);
int pcre16_refcount(pcre16 *code, int adjust);
int pcre32_refcount(pcre32 *code, int adjust);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This function is used to maintain a reference count inside a data block that contains a compiled pattern. Its arguments are:

<i>code</i>	Compiled regular expression
<i>adjust</i>	Adjustment to reference value

The yield of the function is the adjusted reference value, which is constrained to lie between 0 and 65535.

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.