

Regex symbol list and regex examples

. **Period**, matches a single character of any single character, except the end of a line. For example, the below regex matches shirt, short and any character between sh and rt.

```
1 | sh.r|t
```

^ **Carat**, matches a term if the term appears at the beginning of a paragraph or a line. For example, the below regex matches a paragraph or a line starts with Apple.

```
1 | ^Apple
```

^ **Carat inside a bracket**, for example, the below regex matches any characters but a, b, c, d, e.

```
1 | [^a-e]
```

\$ **Dollar sign**, matches a term if the term appears at the end of a paragraph or a line. For example, the below regex matches a paragraph or a line ends with bye.

```
1 | bye$
```

[] **Square brackets**, matches any single character from within the bracketed list. For example, the below regex matches bad, bed, bcd, brd, and bod.

```
1 | b[aecro]d
```

- **Hyphen**, used for representing a range of letters or numbers, often used inside a square bracket. For example, the below regex matches kam, kbm, kcm, k2m, k3m, k4m and k5m.

```
1 | k[a-c2-5]m
```

() **Parentheses**, groups one or more regular expressions. For example, the below regex matches codexpedia.com, codexpedia.net, and codexpedia.org.

```
1 | codexpedia\.(com|net|org)
```

{n} **Curly brackets** with 1 number inside it, matches exactly n times of the preceding character. For example, the below regular expression matches 4 digits string, and only four digits string because there is ^ at the beginning and \$ at the end of the regex.

```
1 | ^[\d]{4}$
```

{n,m} Curly brackets with 2 numbers inside it, matches minimum and maximum number of times of the preceding character. For example, the below regular expression matches google, gooogle and goooogle.

```
1 | go{2,4}gle
```

{n,} Curly brackets with a number and a comma, matches minimum number of times the preceding character. For example, the below regex matches google, gooogle, gooooogle, gooooooogle,

```
1 | go{2,}gle
```

| Pipe, matches either the regular expression preceding it or the regular expression following it. For example, the below regex matches the date format of MM/DD/YYYY, MM.DD.YYYY and MM-DD-YYY. It also matches MM.DD-YYYY, etc.

```
1 | ^(\d{1-9}|\d{012})[-/.](\d{1-9}|\d{12}|\d{09}|\d{01})[-/.]\d{4}$
```

? Question mark, matches 1 or 0 character in front of the question mark. For example, the below regular expression matches apple and apples.

```
1 | apples?
```

*** Asterisk**, matches 0 or more characters in front of the asterisk. For example, the below regular expression matches cl,col,cool,cool,...,ooooooooooooool,...

```
1 | co*l
```

+ Plus, matches 1 or more characters in front of the plus. For example, the below regular expression matches col,cool,...,ooooooooooooool,...

```
1 | co+l
```

! Exclamation, do not matches the next character or regular expression. For example, the below regular expression matches the the character q if the character after q is not a digit, it will matches the q in those strings of abdqq, quit, qeig, but not q2kd, sdkq8d.

```
1 | q(?![0-9])
```

\ Backslash, turns off the special meaning of the next character. For example, the below regex treats the period as a normal character and it matches a.b only.

```
1 | a\.b
```

\b Backslash and b, matches a word boundary. For example, "\bwater" finds "watergun" but not "cleanwater" whereas "water\b" finds "cleanwater" but not "watergun".

\n Backslash and n, represents a line break.

\t Backslash and t, represents a tab.

\w Backslash and w, it is equivalent to `[a-zA-Z0-9_]`, matches alphanumeric character or underscore. Conversely, Capital **W** will match non-alphanumeric character and not underscore.

\d Backslash and d, matches digits 0 to 9, equivalent to `[0-9]` or `[:digit]`

[:alpha:] or **[A-Za-z]** represents an alphabetic character.

[:digit:] or **[0-9]** or **[d]** represents a digit.

[:alnum:] or **[A-Za-z0-9]** represents an alphanumeric character.

This regex matches **email addresses**

```
1 \b[A-Za-z0-9._%+-]+@[A-Za-z0-9.-]+\.[A-Za-z]{2,4}\b
```

This regex matches **websites links** ending with sites of .com, .org, .edu, .gov and .us

```
1 https?://(www\.)?[A-Za-z0-9]+\.(com|org|edu|gov|us)/?.*
```

This regex matches **social security numbers**.

```
1 ^[0-9]{3}-[0-9]{2}-[0-9]{4}$
```

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