

Let regex;

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/* shorthand character classes */
regex = /d/; // matches any digit, short for [0-9]
regex = /D/; // matches non-digits, short for [^0-9]
regex = /S/; // matches non-white space character
regex = /s/; // matches any white space character
regex = /w/; // matches character, short for [a-zA-Z_0-9]
regex = /W/; // matches non-word character [^w]
regex = /b/; // Matches a word boundary where a word character is [a-zA-Z0-9_]
These meta characters boast a pre-defined meaning and make various typical patterns easier to use.
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/* matching using quantifiers */
regex= /X./; // matches any character
regex= /X*/; // Matches zero or several repetitions of letter X, is short for {0,}
regex= /X+./; // matches one or more repetitions of letter X, is short for {1,}
regex= /X?/; // finds no or exactly one letter X, is short for {0,1}.
regex= // d{3}; // matches three digits. {} describes the order of the preceding liberal
regex= // d{1,4} ; // means d must occur at least once and at a maximum of four
A quantifies helps developers to define how often an element occurs.
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/* character ranges */
regex = /[a-z]/; // matches all lowercase letters
regex = /[A-Z]/; // matches all uppercase letters
regex = /[e-l]/; // matches lowercase letters e to l (inclusive)
regex = /[F-P]/; // matches all uppercase letters F to P (inclusive)
regex = /[0-9]/; // matches all digits
regex = /[5-9]/; // matches any digit from 5 to 9 (inclusive)
regex = / [a-dl-7]/; // matches a letter between a and d and figures from 1 to 7, but not dl
regex = /[a-zA-Z]/; // matches all lowercase and uppercase letters
regex = /^[^a-zA-Z]/; // matches non-letters
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/* matching using anchors */
regex = / ^The/; // matches any string that starts with
regex = / end$/; // matches a string that ends with end
regex = / ^The end$/; // exact string match starting with and ending with

/* escape characters */
regex = / a/; // match a bell or alarm
regex = / e/; // matches an escape
regex = / f/; // matches a form feed
regex = / n/; // matches a new line
regex = / Q matches ,
regex = /sing/i; // looks for the string between the forward slashes (case-insensitive)... matches
"sing", "SinNG", "123SinNG"
regex = /hello/g; // looks for multiple occurrences of string between the forward slashes...

/* groups */
regex = /it is (sizzling )?hot outside/; // matches "it is sizzling hot outside" and "it is hot outside"
regex = /it is (?:sizzling )?hot outside/; // same as above except it is a non-capturing group
regex = /do (dogs) like pizza 1/; // matches "do dogs like pizza dogs"
regex = /do (dogs) like (pizza)? do 2 1 like you?/; // matches "do dogs like pizza? do pizza dogs like
you?"

/* look-ahead and look-behind */
regex = /d(?=r)/; // matches 'd' only if it is followed by 'r', but 'r' will not be part of the overall
regex match
regex = / (?<=r)d /; // matches 'd' only if it is proceeded by an 'r', but 'r' will not be part of the
overall regex match

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