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# matchRow()

Finds the first row in the Table that matches the regular expression provided, and returns a reference to that row. Even if multiple rows are possible matches, only the first matching row is returned. The column to search may be specified by either its ID or title.

## Examples

```
// Given the CSV file "mammals.csv"
// in the project's "assets" folder:
//
// id,species,name
// 0,Capra hircus,Goat
// 1,Panthera pardus,Leopard
// 2,Equus zebra,Zebra

let table;

function preload() {
  //my table is comma separated value "csv"
  //and has a header specifying the columns labels
  table = loadTable('/assets/mammals.csv', 'csv', 'header');
}

function setup() {
  //Search using specified regex on a given column, return TableRow object
  let mammal = table.matchRow(new RegExp('ant'), 1);
  print(mammal.getString(1));
  //Output "Panthera pardus"
}
```

## Syntax

```
matchRow(regex, column)
```

## Parameters

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| regex  | String RegExp: The regular expression to match           |
| column | String Integer: The column ID (number) or title (string) |

## Returns

p5.TableRow: TableRow object

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## Related References

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| <b>addColumn</b><br>Use addColumn() to add a new column to a Table object. | <b>addRow</b><br>Use addRow() to add a new row of data to a p5.Table object. | <b>clearRows</b><br>Removes all rows from a Table. | <b>columns</b><br>An array containing the names of the columns in the table, if the "header" the table is loaded with the "header" parameter. |
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