

Regular Expression Syntax

- Most characters match themselves
The regular expression “test” matches the string ‘test’, and only that string
- [x] matches any *one* of a list of characters
“[abc]” matches ‘a’, ‘b’, or ‘c’
- [^x] matches any *one* character that is not included in x
“[^abc]” matches any single character *except* ‘a’, ‘b’, or ‘c’

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- “.” matches any single character
- Parentheses can be used for grouping
“(abc)+” matches ‘abc’, ‘abcabc’, ‘abcabcabc’, etc.
- x|y matches x or y
“this|that” matches ‘this’ and ‘that’, but not ‘thisthat’.