Regular Expressions: Cheat Sheet

Special Characters

any single character
start of string
end of string
new line

\r carriage return

\t tab

Quantifiers

* 0 or more of the preceding character\expression
 + 1 or more of the preceding character\expression
 ? 0 or 1 of the preceding character\expression
 {n} n copies of the preceding character\expression
 {n,m} n to m copies of the preceding character\expression

Sets

[0-9] all numeric characters

[a-z] all lowercase alphabetic characters [A-Z] all uppercase alphabetic characters

[0-9a-z] to combine sets, list them one after another

[^...] exclude specific characters

Special Sequences

\d Any digit

\D Any non-digit character

\w Any alphanumeric character[0-9a-zA-Z_]

\W Any non-alphanumeric character

\s Any whitespace (space, tab, new line)

\S Any non-whitespace character

\b Matches the beginning or end of a word

\B Matches only when not at the beginning or end of a word

\A Matches only at the start of a string (like ^) \Z Matches only at the end of a string (like \$)

Groups and Logical OR

Logical OR operator

(...) Matches regular expression inside parentheses, notes group

(a|b) Matches the character a or the character b