Regular Expressions: Cheat Sheet

Special Characters

. any single character

start of stringend of stringnew 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 copies of the preceding character\expression
n to m copies of the preceding character\expression

Sets

[0-9] all numeric characters

[a-z] all lowercase alphabetic characters 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

Groups and Logical OR

Logical OR operator

(...) Matches expression inside parentheses, denotes group

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