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A quick reference guide for regular expressions (regex), including symbols, ranges, grouping, assertions and some sample patterns to get you started.

Regular Expressions Anchors

^	Start of string, or start of line in multi-line pattern
\A	Start of string
\$	End of string, or end of line in multi-line pattern
\Z	End of string
\b	Word boundary
\B	Not word boundary
\<	Start of word
\>	End of word

Regular Expressions Character Classes

\c	Control character
\s	White space
\S	Not white space
\d	Digit
\D	Not digit
\w	Word
\W	Not word
\x	Hexadecimal digit
\O	Octal digit

Regular Expressions Quantifiers

*	0 or more
+	1 or more
?	0 or 1
{3}	Exactly 3
{3,}	3 or more
{3,5}	3, 4 or 5

Add a ? to a quantifier to make it ungreedy.

Regular Expressions Escape Sequences

Regular Expression	Common	Characters
^	[.
\$	{	*
(\	+
)		?
<	>	

The escape character is usually the backslash - \.

Regular Expressions Special Characters

\n	New line
\r	Carriage return
\t	Tab
\v	Vertical tab
\f	Form feed
\xxx	Octal character xxx
\xhh	Hex character hh

Regular Expressions Groups and Ranges

.	Any character except new line (\n)
(a b)	a or b
(...)	Group
(?:...)	Passive (non-capturing) group
[abc]	Range (a or b or c)
[^abc]	Not a or b or c
[a-q]	Letter from a to q
[A-Q]	Upper case letter from A to Q
[0-7]	Digit from 0 to 7
\n	nth group/subpattern

Ranges are inclusive.

Regular Expressions Pattern Modifiers

g	Global match
i	Case-insensitive
m	Multiple lines
s	Treat string as single line
x	Allow comments and white space in pattern
e	Evaluate replacement
U	Ungreedy pattern

Regular Expressions String Replacement

\$n	nth non-passive group
\$2	"xyz" in /(abc(xyz))\$/
\$1	"xyz" in /(?:abc)(xyz)\$/
\$`	Before matched string
\$'	After matched string
\$+	Last matched string
\$&	Entire matched string

Some regex implementations use \ instead of \$.

Regular Expressions POSIX

[upper:]	Upper case letters
[lower:]	Lower case letters
[alpha:]	All letters
[alnum:]	Digits and letters
[digit:]	Digits
[xdigit:]	Hexadecimal digits
[punct:]	Punctuation
[blank:]	Space and tab
[space:]	Blank characters
[cntrl:]	Control characters
[graph:]	Printed characters
[print:]	Printed characters and spaces
[word:]	Digits, letters and underscore

Regular Expressions Assertions

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