15 PHP regular expressions for web developers

Regular expressions are a very useful tool for developers. They allow to find, identify or replace text, words or any kind of characters. In this article, I have compiled 15+ extremely useful regular expressions that any web developer should have in his toolkit

$Getting\ started\ with\ regular\ expressions$

For many beginners, regular expressions seems to be hard to learn and use. In fact, they're far less hard than you may think. Before we dive deep inside regexp with useful and reusable codes, let's quickly see the basics:

Regular expressions syntax

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	([A-Z]{3} [0-9]{4})	Matches three letters or four numbers

PHP regular expression functions

Function	Description
preg_match()	The preg_match() function searches string for pattern, returning true if pattern exists, and false otherwise.
preg_match_all()	The preg_match_sill() function matches all occurrences of pattern in string.
preg_replace()	The preg_replace() function operates just like ereg_replace(), except that regular expressions can be used in the pattern and replacement input parameters.
preg_split()	The preg_split() function operates exactly like split(), except that regular expressions are accepted as input parameters for pattern.
preg_grep()	The preg_grept) function searches all elements of input_array, returning all elements matching the regexp pattern.
preg_quote()	Quote regular expression characters

Validate domain name

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Enlight a word from a text

This very useful regular expression find a specific word in a text, and enlight it. Extremely useful for search results.

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Enlight search results in your WordPress blog

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As I just said that the previous code snippet could be very handy on search results, here is a great way to implement it on a WordPress blog. 
Open your search php file and find the the_title() function. Replace it with the following:
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echo Stitle;
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Stitle = get_the_title();
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Save the search.php file and open style.css. Append the following line to it:
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Get all images from a HTML document

If you ever widhed to be able to get all images form a webpage, this code is a must have for you. You should easily create an image downloader using the power of eURL

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                                                                                                                                                           $info = pathinfo($url);
if (isset($info['extension']))
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$Remove\ repeated\ words\ (case\ insensitive)$

Often repeating words while typing? This handy regexp will be very helpful.

Remove repeated punctuation

\$text = preg_replace("/.+/i", ".", \$text);

Matching a XML/HTML tag

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This simple function takes two arguments: The first is the tag you'd like to match, and the second is the variable containing the XML or HTML. Once again, this can be very powerful used along with a URL.
   return $matches[1];
 Matching an XHTML/XML tag with a certain attribute value
 This function is very similar to the previous one, but it allow you to match a tag having a specific attribute. For example, you could easily match < div id="header">.
 function get_tag( Sattr, Svalue, $xml, $tag=null ) {
   if( is_null($tag) )
        Stag = '\w+';
     else
Stag = preg_quote($tag);
     $attr = preg_quote($attr);
$value = preg_quote($value);
     preg_match_all($tag_regex,
$xm1,
$matches,
PREG_PATTERN_ORDER);
 return $matches[3];
 Matching hexadecimal color values
 Another interesting tool for web developers! It allows you to match/validate a hexadecimal color value
  \begin{array}{lll} & \text{Sstring} = \text{``$5555555}; \\ & \text{if (preg_match('/^#{?:(?:[a-fd]{3})}{1,2})} \\ & \text{string)) } \\ & \text{echo ``example 6 successful."}; \\ \end{array} 
Find page title
 This handy code snippet will find and print the text within the <title> and </title> tags of a html page.
 $titre = eregi("<title>(.*)</title>",$page,$regs);
fclose($fpj;
 Parsing Apache logs
 Most websites are running on the well-known Apache webserver. If your website does, what about using PHP and some regular expressions to parse Apache logs?
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 Replacing double quotes by smart qutotes
 If you're a typographer lover, you'll probably love this regexp, which allow you to replace normal double quotes by smart quotes. A regular expression of that kind is used by WordPress on contents
 preg_replace('B"b([^"x84x93x94rn]+)b"B', '?1?', $text);
 Checking password complexity
 This regular expression will tests if the input consists of 6 or more letters, digits, underscores and hyphens. The input must contain at least one upper case letter, one lower case letter and one digit.
  `\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={A-Z\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(?={-_a-z\(-20-9\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)\(.20-2\)
 WordPress: Using regexp to retrieve images from post
 As I know many of you are WordPress users, you'll probably enjoy that code which allow you to retrieve all images from post content and display it. To use this code on your blog, simply paste the following code on one of your theme files.
 <?php if (have_posts()) : ?>
<?php while (have_posts()) : the_post(); ?>
 <?php
$szPostContent = $post->post_content;
$szSearchPattern = '-<img [^>]* />-';
 // Run preg_match_all to grab all the images and save the results in $aPics
preg_match_all( $az$earchPattern, $azPostContent, $aPics );
 // Check to see if we have at least 1 image
$iNumberOfPics = count($aPics[0]);
 endwhile;
endif;
?>
 Generating automatic smileys
 Another function used by WordPress, this one allow you to automatically replace a smiley symbol by an image.
 Stexte='A text with a smiley :-)';
echo str_replace(':-)','<img src="smileys/souriant.png">',$texte);
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3. housed said: July 27, 2009 at 7:22 pm Hello, I don't undertand how they work. For example if i want that \$test don't have any uppercase letter, how I have to do? Reply

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6. payam said: July 27, 2009 at 9:15 pm very nice thanks Reply
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8. Wheelchair Guide said: July 27, 2009 at 10:13 pm I am a big fan of regular expressions, because they can make sorting through a bunch of text so much simpler. I wish I had known about them when I first started coding. This is a cool guide and has some great examples [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developerscatswhocode.com [...] Reply 10. Peter C, said: July 28, 2009 at 12:10 am Seems WP has munged up your code (particularly backslash escaping) Reply 11. IS PHP regular expressions for web developers said: July 28, 2009 at 12:37 am [...] original here: 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers SHARETHIS.addEntry({ title: "15 PHP regular expressions for web developers", url: [...] Reply
12. Fred P. said: July 28, 2009 at 1:27 am Stext = preg_replace("/\.+/i", ".", Stext) Reply
13. Samuel Folkes said: July 28, 2009 at 1:37 am Excellent article, I found the code to parse Apache logs and to get all images in a HTML document particularly clever. You did however leave out a very common use for regex that web developers often need to use: validating email add \$address = 'some email address bore';

\$ valid = prog_match(''/'2[2]b)d[1,3][2[0-4]vd[2](0-5]))])\$ for the prog_match(''/'2[2]b) for the prog_match(''/'2[2] The preg_match() function above will of course evaluate to false. Again, excellent article. I will be putting some of these to use in the near future no doubt Reply
• Siddhesh said: May 3, 2010 at 3:24 am Thanks for such nice regex.

But can I get an regex which will replace text which is enclosed in html comment Reply 14. <u>Sumesh</u> said: <u>July 28, 2009 at 3:32 am</u> That's a useful list, I recently watched the Themeforest screencast on regex too. And to anyone who gets trouble when posting code, just escape them using an encoder like Postable Reply
15. Toby said: July 28, 2009 at 3:40 am Enlight != word. I'd suggest 'highlight' instead. @#3-if you want to make sure that you have only lowercase chars in your string \$test, do if(preg_match("/[a-z]/",\$test)) echo 'all lowercase'; Reply
16. Toby said: July 28, 2009 at 3:41 am oops - I see that my five second regex doesn't quite do what you're asking for - make that $if(!preg_match(\$ \mathbb{E}/[A\text{-}Z]/\$ \mathbb{E}.\$test))$ { echo â€⁻all lowercase'; Reply.

17. links for 2009-07-27 ..: [aka Ñ%-ÑĐ¼Ñ fĐ*ÑŽÑ*Ñ,] Ozverin | бĐ-Đ*ĐμÑ-€Đ, Đ½ said: July 28, 2009 at 5:04 am $[...] \ 15 \ PHP \ regular \ expressions \ for web \ developers \ (tags: php \ regex \ programming \ tips \ regexp \ wordpress \ code \ regular) \ [...]$ Reply
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A dot is a meta-character to match all characters except newline 23. <u>Billyboylindien</u> said: <u>July 28, 2009 at 11:56 am</u> Thanks a lot for these tips. Reply
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28. John Turner said: July 28, 2009 at 7:49 pm
      This is an awesome online regex tester. I use it all the time. http://www.spaweditor.com/scripts/regex/index.php
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29. Jedaffra said: July 28, 2009 at 7:50 pm
      What do you mean by "enlight" - is that like, highlight?
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30. All Teched Up = Caintech.co.uk said: July 28, 2009 at 8:55 pm
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31. Monica said: July 28, 2009 at 9:29 pm
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32. links for 2009-07-28 | Juhn.Org said: July 29, 2009 at 2:37 am
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33. <u>Jestep</u> said: <u>July 29, 2009 at 2:53 am</u>
     Great set of regex's. Another good one to add would be a decent phone number validation, especially for international #'s, and maybe a clean credit card number validator
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34. Goonanism » links for 2009-07-28 said: July 29, 2009 at 3:05 am
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     Error: Found:
Warning: preg_match() [function.preg-match]: Unknown modifier '/' in D'\projects\regex.php on line 3
Wrone url.
      \label{eq:surf_problem} $$ Surf_{-}^{*}(A,Z_{0},g)_{A}^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g]_{A},Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g]_{A},Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*})) $$ $$ $(if_{-},g_{-},g_{-})_{A}^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g]_{A},Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*})) $$ $$ $(if_{-},g_{-},g_{-})_{A}^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g]_{A},Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*})) $$ $$ $(if_{-},g_{-},g_{-})_{A}^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g]_{A},Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*})) $$ $$ $(if_{-},g_{-},g_{-})_{A}^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g]_{A},Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*}) $$ $$ $(if_{-},g_{-},g_{-})_{A}^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*}) $$ $$ $(if_{-},g_{-})_{A}^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*}) $$ $(if_{-},g_{-})_{A}^{*}(2,[A-Z_{0},g_{-}]^{*}) $$$ $(if_{-},g_{
       } else {
echo "Wrong url.";
 Reply

36. Wavnes Weekly Notable Links | The Bliss of Being said: July 29, 2009 at 3:33 am
     [...] Shared 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers [...]
Reply 37. <u>Tom Stone</u> said: <u>July 29, 2009 at 8:47 am</u>
     Regarding the example "Validate domain name" - does that match IDN (Internationalized Domain Name) domains also? Like: www.ĀYĀṇ¶.se
Reply
38. Teddy said: July 29, 2009 at 9:22 am
     Good post!....
       would like to add the following ExtJS regexp form validation that you can simply use for PHP regexp as well http://extjs.com/forum/showthread.php?t=4271
Reply
39. François Brill said: July 29, 2009 at 9:59 am
      Nice Post! Thanks
Reply
40. Phil Cook said: July 29, 2009 at 10:02 am
      Hi. Just wanted to say that this is an excellent post. I needed someone to explain clearly the meaning of symbols for reg expressions and this does it with ease. Bookmarked and I will be subscribing to the RSS, Many thanks
41. <u>candra</u> said: <u>July 29, 2009 at 10:15 am</u>
      I love this post.... very useful thx
Reply
42. 15 expresiones regulares en PHP para des
                                                                  arrolladores - tikitak-o-rama said: July 29, 2009 at 10:35 am
     [...] a un RT de Smashing Magazine llego a una genial lista de 15 expresiones regulares en PHP Á'tiles para desarrolladores en la que se pueden encontrar desde un validador de URI hasta una expresi\(\hat{A}\)r para parsear logs de [...]
       very great post! anyway this is very useful in some projects, specially for web scrap:) I use to work most this things for a year but suddenly I getting bored.
\frac{\text{Reply}}{44.\;\; \underline{15\;PHP\;regular\;expressions\;for\;web\;developers\; \textit{«}\;Illuminations}}{\text{said:}\;\underline{\text{July}\;29,2009\;at\;12:57\;pm}}
     [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers. Tags: [...]
Reply
45. Bilge said: July 29, 2009 at 1:12 pm
      Super cool story, bro. None of these examples actually work since all backslashes have been stripped.
Reply
46. Boris Moncilovic said: July 29, 2009 at 1:16 pm
     Following one is wrong:
      Remove repeated punctuation
Same as above, but with punctuation. Goodbye repeated commas!
     $text = preg_replace("/.+/i", ".", $text);
      You're replacing any number of any not a line break character with a dot. If you wished to replace dots, you must escape it first like
      $text = preg_replace("\.+/i", ".", $text);
     Or if you wanted to replace multiple commas, put commas (no escaping needed)
Reply
47. Michael Doyle's Blog = PHP - Regular Expressions said: July 29, 2009 at 1:47 pm
     [...] http://www.catswhocode.com/blog/15-php-regular-expressions-for-web-developers [...]
Reply.
48. 15 PHP Regular Expressions for Web Developers | Choose Daily said: July 29, 2009 at 2:18 pm
     [...] 15 PHP Regular Expressions for Web Developers [...]
      It looks like a number of the regex strings were modified when you copied and pasted them. Primarily, the backslashes were dropped. For example, you have "/s(w+s)/l/i" for the remove repeated words regex when it should be "/s(w+s)/l/i". Repeated punctuation, betadecimal color values, smart quotes, password complexity, and probably some others that I missed all have this problem.
Reply
50. Jim Hanifen said: July 29, 2009 at 8:13 pm
     Love seeing a post not just about regular expressions, but actual usage and examples. Thanks for the post
Reply
51. <u>15 PHP regular expressions for web developers « HUGO TORRES</u> said: <u>July 29, 2009 at 8:36 pm</u>
     [...] Julio 29, 2009 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers. [...]
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Benth:

| Dental Box Leffron | 3. status on Westender, 29. Int 09. 20.56.35 LTC. | Identical said: July 29. 2009 at 10.56 pm
| 1. 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers http://www.catswhocode.com/blog/15-php-regular expressions for web developers |__|
 Reply
53. Sahus Pilwal said: July 30, 2009 at 1:38 am
        Agree great post for the simple fact you post snippets of code and use real world examples. The replace smiley exmaple is the most useful I think!? ;-) Thanks for the information
Reply.
54. Regular Expression to Get All Image URLs From a Page said: July 30, 2009 at 2:00 pm
       [...] Source: 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers [...]
Reply
55. cole said: July 31, 2009 at 3:34 pm
        Enlight...highlight...what's the difference. I'm just a stupid American and I knew what he meant. I'm pretty sure that if I had to, I would have chosen the wrong french word, or tense, or gender...whatever. Good post – simplest, most useful summary of regex I've ever read. Thanks
 \frac{\text{Reply}}{56.\ \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O}^{\dagger}\mathcal{O}^{\dagger}) \mathcal{O} \pm \sigma B \log Archive = \mathcal{O}^{\dagger}\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{O}) \pm \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{O}^{\dagger}) \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{O}^{\dagger}) \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O}^{\dagger}) \mathcalOO(\mathcal{O}^{\dagger})
         Reply
57. Indika said: July 31, 2009 at 8:25 pm
        Thanks for the great article.
 Reply.

S8. PHP regular expressions for web developers I Å Å Indika's Web Log said: July 31, 2009 at 8:28 pm
       [...] Here is the complete article [...]
 Reply
59. Mattias said: August 1, 2009 at 2:32 am
        Can you please go through the expression for Validate domain name? I also got the error = Warning: preg_match() [function.preg-match]: Unknown modifier {}^{\prime}/
 Reply 60. CurtainDog said: August 1, 2009 at 2:58 am
        Matching XML tags won't work if you have similar nested tags. XML in general is quite evil
 Reply
61. lkkreplica said: August 1, 2009 at 3:05 am
         Regular expressions make it more easy for the developers!
Reply
62. Maxx Buwaya said: August 1, 2009 at 11:11 am
         Thanks a lot! Very useful tips and apps! I' ve tried a few already and can' t be more happie
Reply 63. <u>BlogBuzz August 1, 2009</u> said: <u>August 1, 2009 at 12:14 pm</u>
         [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers [...]
Reply
64. Zecc said: August 1, 2009 at 7:54 pm
        In your domain name validation, you got something like this: ? (d+)? I assume it's meant to validate a port number?
       It should be instead be like this: ('\d+)
Otherwise it would match a single colon without a number following it.
Also note there was a backslash missing before the d.
Reply
65. <u>Diego</u> said: <u>August 1, 2009 at 9:09 pm</u>
         Very Usefull! Thanks
Reply
66. Epic Alex said: August 2, 2009 at 1:59 am
        Fantastic article. I was wondering though, any ideas why a preg_replace might not work with the_excerpt, and what could I do to make it work?
Reply
67. WebDev Weekly #31 | ASAP - As Simple as Possible said: August 2, 2009 at 10:54 pm
       [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developersA nice tutorial about useful regular expressions to be used in PHP. [...]
 Reply
68. Syntaxerror said: August 4, 2009 at 12:29 am
        Cool - thanks for yout work.
Reply
69. 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers * LT News & Stuff said: August 4, 2009 at 1:20 am
       [...] Link [...]
 70. 17 PHP Practices That Should Be Banished Forever said: August 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm
        [...] tool which when used correctly, can accomplish some pretty amazing things as demonstrated in this excellent article. However, they are far slower than the native PHP string manipulation functions and tend to make [...]
Reply
71. Best of the Web-July | Web Tutorials said: August 5, 2009 at 1:20 pm
        [ ] Visit Article [ ]
 72. <u>Milch</u> said: <u>August 5, 2009 at 2:25 pm</u>
          Hi! Pretty nice list of regular expressions. Could be useful. Will check again when i will need them. I also check your blog and there are a lot of useful posts
Reply
73. Best of the Web- July - Programming Blog said: August 6, 2009 at 1:44 am
       [ ] Visit Article [ ]
 Reply
74. Best of the Web- July - Programming Blog said: August 6, 2009 at 1:44 am
Reply
75. <u>Best of the Web- July « Webby Tutos</u> said: August 6, 2009 at 6:16 am
       [...] Visit Article [...]
 Reply
76. Best of the Web-July | Webby Tutos said: August 6, 2009 at 6:34 am
       [...] Visit Article [...]
 77. Zamshed Farhan said: August 6, 2009 at 11:35 am
        I am really surpried by getting this collections of regular expressions, It's really very helpful.
 Reply.
78. Expressµes Regulares para Desenvolvedores WEB | WEB COM FARINHA said: August 6, 2009 at 8:44 pm
       [...] http://www.catswhocode.com/blog/15-php-regular-expressions-for-web-developers [...]
 Reply
79. Best of the Web-July: Webby Tutos said: August 7, 2009 at 1:05 am
       [...] Visit Article [...]
Reply
80. Daily Digest for 2009-08-07 | Pedro Trindade said: August 8, 2009 at 9:03 am
        [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers [...]
[...] View More.. [...]
Reply
82. Pavel Golovko said: August 10, 2009 at 8:52 am
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83. TxRx said: August 10, 2009 at 1:08 pm
     Superb post, bookmarked for sure!
Nice one!
Reply
84. jovoge designers' bookmark said: August 10, 2009 at 7:12 pm
     helpful codes, thanks for the list.
 Reply
85. Raju said: August 11, 2009 at 5:46 am
     How much ever I try, they just don't seem to get into my head :l will bookmark and read again
      Thanks for this post. It's surprising that many developers don't really understand the full potential of regular expressions. They write elaborate functions to extract items of data, which can be done with a one line RE!!!
Reply

87. Best of the Web-July :: CSS :: WEBDESIGN FAN said: August 13, 2009 at 2:39 pm
    [...] Visit Article [...]
 Reply 88. <u>15 Very Useful PHP Tutorials</u> said: <u>August 17, 2009 at 3:41 pm</u>
    [...] 13. 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers [...]
Reply
89. Mark said: August 18, 2009 at 11:59 am
     Thanks, a really great article. I already bookmarked this page
 Reply
90. <u>Mark</u> said: <u>August 18, 2009 at 5:06 pm</u>
     thanks for your information.it is very helpful for me!
Reply
91. 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers « Alicia Wilkerson said: August 19, 2009 at 5:11 pm
    [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers. [...]
 Reply
92. # 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers | AbhinavZone said: August 20, 2009 at 9:41 am
    [...] I have found most comprehensive regular expression on the web. I am sure that It will help you  Read More [...]
Reply

93. PHP Regular Expressions Syntax, Functions & Cheat Sheets said: August 24, 2009 at 3:12 am
     [...] 15 PHP Regular Expression for Web Developers [...]
 Reply

94. Wordpress Blog Services - Getting Started with PHP Regular Expressions said: August 24, 2009 at 3:42 pm
     [...] 15 PHP Regular Expression for Web Developers [...]
Reply.

95. Getting Started with PHP Regular Expressions | SeanBurdick said: August 24, 2009 at 10:04 pm
     [...] 15 PHP Regular Expression for Web Developers [...]
 Reply

66. Enver Salih Kiwlacı ± dÅ\\(\frac{1}{2}\)entir iliadeler ve php ( regular expression in php ) - makale derlermesi said: \(\Delta\)gust 24, 2009 at 10-46 pm
    [...] http://www.catswhocode.com/blog/15-php-regular-expressions-for-web-developers [...]
 Reply
97. Jamie Bicknell said: August 25, 2009 at 10:24 am
     #9 Matching hexadecimal color values the regex doesnt work for all hexadecimal codes, for examble numeric ones, and alpha numeric. I suggest that this regex is used instead
     To Validate a Hexadecimal Colour, with or without the # /^{\#}([0.9a-f]\{1,2))\{3\}s/i
     To Validate a Hexadecimal Colour, WITH # /^{\#}([0.9a\cdot f]\{1,2\})\{3\} %/i
     You could use this to replace colours in a string via:

Sstr = '#6699CC and #00ff44 and #ff0000';

echo preg_replace('lff([0-9a-f]{1,2}){3}ii','$0',$str);
 Reply

88. Getting Started with PHP Regular Expressions - Programming Blog said: August 26, 2009 at 1:20 and
     [...] 15 PHP Regular Expression for Web Developers [...]
 Reply
99. Rachel said: August 26, 2009 at 5:39 pm
     That sure cleared some things up! Thanks a lot, keep writing stuff like that. Γm in here on a regular basis just to learn. =)
Reply 100. 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers 1 TopRoundups said: August 30, 2009 at 1:47 am
    [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers Submitted by Editorial Team [...]
Reply
101. John said: September 1, 2009 at 7:12 pm
     Great info, sure cleared some things up. Guess I still got a couple of things to learn, though. Thank you
Reply
102. LoJ said: September 3, 2009 at 12:57 pm
     Matching a XML/HTML tag: example does not work, same problem on the source website copy/paste is ok. copy/paste+test is better.

But i have no anger. Let the light of love shine upon your soul.
103. <u>David Winstead</u> said: <u>September 4, 2009 at 10:44 pm</u>
Reply

104. [7 PHP Practices That Should Be Banished Forever + Technology Strategy Center said: September 6, 2009 at 4:49 am
    [...] tool which when used correctly, can accomplish some pretty amazing things as demonstrated in this excellent article. However, they are far slower than the native PHP string manipulation functions and tend to make [...]
Reply
105. RWH said: September 12, 2009 at 5:28 am
     Highly informative and useful post. This would be a great reference guide to any web developer out there from beginner to advanced level. All I can say is, "Bravo"!
Reply
106. Craig said: September 20, 2009 at 2:04 pm
     This is useful stuff, will be bookmarking this page!
Has anyone got a good introduction to php page to look at?
\frac{\text{Reply}}{\text{Alex Wolkov} * DNeN_{o}D^{2} * DPD \%D * D\mu D D \% N \cdot D\mu NeD \mu D'N \cdot D * NNeD \cdot D_{o}} \text{ said: September 25, 2009 at 2:03 pm}
    [...] Đ-ÑÑ,Đ¼Ñ‡Đ½Đ,а [...]
Reply
108. Mark said: October 1, 2009 at 10:17 am
     How can I do this?
     Consider the following sms header
    To: #
Modem: GSM1
Sent: 09-09-21 13:25:39
Message_id: 69
IMSI: 413022600405030
     I need to get the Message id (number only)
     Please help me to do it..
Reply
109. sunnyhear said: October 7, 2009 at 12:47 pm
     Title regular expression is incorrect. TITLE tag can have a number of attributes (i.e. lang), so the right one will be the following: \\ Sitre = cregi("]^* (-1)^n Spage Sregs);
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110. Hans Zena said: October 29, 2009 at 5:27 am
       Wonderful list. Here is a very useful regex tester for PHP
Reply
111. web developer said: October 29, 2009 at 10:59 pm
       I am having a weird problem with Regex to validate domain names. I am using the following expression "/(httpltttplttp):\/\(|A.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|^1\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.9_-|\(2\)\/A|.20.9||A.20.
Reply
112. Chris ward said: November 11, 2009 at 1:05 am
       Great blog post, exactly what i was looking for and has saved me time figuring it out for myself. Reg-ex is a specialist subject all on its own
Reply
113. neel said: December 7, 2009 at 9:41 am
      Excellent Article. I learned alot from this article. I was always scared learning regular expressions, but from your article i learned it easily
      [...] the limit but that's also much more than most of us need. Å I found this simple list of 15 common regular expressions covers most of what many of us need. Å Here's a great cheat sheet to jog your memory once [...]
Reply
115. Tim said: January 25, 2010 at 9:11 am
      This looked like such a creat reference. Until I tried cooy and paste of one of the code snipoets. Then read the comments and realized that some might not work. Not the author's fault. I'm sure, but it's disappointing nonetheless it's been this long and he hasn't been back to rectify the fault. Another waste of time
 Reply
116. Pascal said: March 1, 2010 at 10:09 am
Reply
117. Ryan Mauger said: March 1, 2010 at 12:33 pm
      I looked forward to reading this post when I saw smashine-mag tweet about it... but I must say I'm quite disappointed to see regular expressions being used for some of the tasks you have outlined
      The opening was quite good, but I have to note, you missed than \w can replace "a-2A-Z0-9_" and \d for 0-9, but those are quite forgivable oversights
       Immediatly I'm confronted with a resex to validate a domain name, which fails! it does nothing to check the validity of the top level domain (this would be an enormous resex, which is why resex's are not recommended for this task), not to mention not being able to copy with new punycode domains.
       The next problem is, using regular expressions for parsing a html document? this is madness, regular expressions are hugely inefficient for this task. If you wish to grab a title, all the a tags, all the img tags, or query a HTML dom for an attribute, use a proper DOM parser. There is a fantastic one built into PHP, called DOM
       And the last gripe, using a recex to parse an anothe log. This is just silly, an anothe log could be quite huge. You should write a proper parser for the task, and parse the log through a stream, and not be using a recex against the whole log. Using a recex for this task is going to eat a huge amount of memory, and be slow as hell
      I'm sorry that these complaints are strongly worded, but you have a huge audience here, you should be doing a much better job than this. People will not advance as coders without pointing in the RIGHT direction, this is taking them off at a tangent they will need to unlearn in the future!
       There are some valid usecases for regular expressions in this post, removine repeated words, doubled punctuation, and even swappine in smileys, but Its sad to see the rest on a post in a site like this, shame on you!
              Thanks for the input Ryan. I agree that some items of this posts are "quick and dirty", such as the "Parse apache log" regexp. Thanks for pointing it out, comments like yours are useful in order to enhance the site quality
Reply
118. VaxCave » Daily links for March 01, 2010 said: March 1, 2010 at 10:03 pm
      [...] links for March 01, 2010 Filed under: General — by Automaton on 3/1/2010 @ 9-55 pm 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers Essentially an intro to regex. (tags: webdesign programming regex) Comments [...]
Reply
119. jackfuchs said: March 2, 2010 at 7:59 am
       The above comment from Ryan Mauger is a good starting point regarding the contents of this post.
       Stupid regular expressions, miserable code (PHP). Such a bad post.
        You copied the contents for this post from across the web, without having an idea on what bullshit you are spreading, did you?
       "15+ extremely useful regular expressions that any web developer should have in his toolkit"

    Jean-Baptiste Jung said: March 2, 2010 at 8:32 am

              Ryan Mauger explained why he didn't liked the post, which is a good thing. Too bad you didn't. If you have better regexp, I'll be happy to publish them, feel free to share
                            ger said: March 2, 2010 at 9:04 am
              Im sorry, but I did not mean to start any sort of flaming here. merely to voice my disappointment. There is no need to be insulting in the way you are here.
              Jean-Baptiste generally does a good job on this site, and hopefully my comments will push him to improve his quality. Comments like yours will only strive to anger and upset, and achieve not
Reply
120. links for 2010-03-02 | Widmann Martin Blog said: March 2, 2010 at 12:05 pm
       [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers (tags; examples php regular expressions regexp) [...]
| Reply | 121. | Bookmarks vom 02.03.2010 said: March 2, 2010 at 7:16 pm
     [...] 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers – [...]
      [...] buon Jean Baptiste Jung ha riunito in un articolo ben 15 utilissimi usi delle espressioni regolari, tutte facenti uso del [...]
Reply
123. uberVU - social comments said: March 4, 2010 at 11:30 pm
       Social comments and analytics for this post...
       This post was mentioned on Twitter by catswhocode: 15 PHP regular expressions for web developers http://tr.im/ueKB (Please RT!!).
Reply
124. Charles Stover said: March 6, 2010 at 2:09 pm
       ^{a.zA.Z0.9}_{1.}
Any word of at least one letter, number or
       What is this about? Whatever happened to ^\w+5
      Reply

• jackfuchs said: August 20, 2010 at 3:44 am
                                                                                         Agence de communication Montpellier said: March 10, 2010 at 11:02 an
      [...] 15 expressions régulières pour les développeurs PHP [...]
Reply
126. 10+ regular expressions for efficient web development said: March 30, 2010 at 10:11 am
       [...] you're interested in regular expressions, make sure you have read our "15 PHP regular expr
                                                                                                                                 ion for developers" post. Share this on del.icio.us Digg this! Stumble upon something good? Share it on [...]
Reply

127. Le petit journal du web #3 — Spécial CSS3 (et miscellanées) said: April 9, 2010 at 11:49 an
         ...] 15 PHP Regular Expressions — 15 trucs et astuces PHP pour développeurs web. [...]
Reply
128. Justin said: June 30, 2010 at 1:33 am
      To all of you who get: Warning: preg_match() [function.preg-match]: Unknown modifier '/'
       Simply replace the first "/" and last "/" (before the "i") of the pattern (in the preg_match) with the symbol "#"
      So the first line of the condition should give you this:
      The regex in itself is not too efficient, but if you think it will be enough for your website, just copy/paste my m
Reply
129. Learning Regular Expressions I developingElegance(); said: July 20, 2010 at 10:11 am
       [...] PCRE page Learning to Use Regular Expressions by Example (might be a bit outdated, we'll see) 15 PHP Regular Expressions For Web Developers – Cats Who [...]
Reply

130. PHP Helps | The Michaeldon Roareth! - Mad rantings of an undiscovered dinosaur said: August 2, 2010 at 11:43 am
      [...] http://www.catswhocode.com/blog/15-php-regular-expressions-for-web-developers – I'll be the first to admit that regular expressions aren't my strong suit. This has some very useful ones for those of us that aren't as regex inclined. [...]
Reply

131. IS PHP Regular Expressions For Web Developers | PHPprogramátor.info said: August 16, 2010 at 4:18 am
       [...] » Čítať ďalej originálny článok Komentáre (0) k článku "15 PHP Regular Expressions For Web Developers" [...]
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132.	Reply Ipsita said: August 19, 2010 at 9:12 am
	Can any one please help me to solve my problem?
	I have more than one label tags () with same class name but different id in my template file. Ex:
	I am here Asking for help
	like this. The data given is only the class name.(Here in the example class name is "user_home_tpl_html")
	The pattern of the value of the id attribute is id with an integer (such as id1,id2id200id333)
	Now I need the regular expression to get the content of the label tag (Here in the example
	1: I am here 2: Asking for help
) I'll be obliged if anybody will be interested to help me
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133.	Floris said: September 14, 2010 at 12:25 am
	for the record: document images fits best if you need to have all images. It is way faster than using regexes. the example on this page only fits if you want to retrieve all images from a different page than the one that is currently loaded
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134.	Sebastian said: September 14, 2010 at 7:40 pm
	That is really useful! Many thanks!:)
135.	Reply flimb said: October 11, 2010 at 12:14 am
	Practice REGEX by running this PHP snippet
	CUT-PASTE-RUN
	«/php echo": echo": echo": echo":
	echo Enter sampse strang: : echo "inter match pattern: '; echo ":
	echo";
	if(\$_POST) {
	<pre>string = \$_POST[\sampleString']: \$cclass = \$_POST[\matchPattern'];</pre>
	} if(preg_match("\Scclass\"\String))
	three_marker / Sections / String/; echo 'Old string: 'Sstring/;
	echo 'Match pattern: '.Scclass.''; Sstring = preg_replace("\Scclass\"'.\"\Sstring);
	echo 'New string: '.\$string.''; }
	else echo 'No match';
	?> Reply
136.	Brett Widmann said: October 21, 2010 at 7-09 pm
	So helpful! I've tried a few and they work really well.
137.	Reply Derek Ashland said: November 3, 2010 at 11:57 am
	I got to show off my knowledge in class because of your post. Now people think I'm a PHP God!
138.	Reply alex said: January 31, 2011 at 6:58 am
	Thanks for the post. Very useful.
	$A \ \ little fix, maybe: '/^(http:http:slftp)://([A-20.9][A-20.9]-(2:.[A-20.9][A-20.9]-(2:.[A-20.9][A-20.9]-(4:.[A-20.$
	"J/" ⇒ "V/" (requires escaping in the end)?/?/i
	should be: ?/i
	$so: \ ^{\prime} \land (httplhttpslftp) \land V([A.Z0.9][A.Z0.9]^{\ast}(?:.[A.Z0.9][A.Z0.9]^{\ast}) +)?(d+)?h' \land (A.Z0.9)[A.Z0.9]^{\ast}) + (A.Z0.9)[A.Z0.9]^{\ast})$
	above produces no error.
	Thanks for the useful post, once again!
139.	Reply Rick said: June 4, 2011 at 10:52 am
	Hello,
	Very nice post, it helped us to give example for starter. I have used your post as example for those who want to get first glimpse of regex in PHP.
140.	Reply nitk said: July 27, 2011 at 5:33 am
	Hi, I not some code that i would like to locate and replace certain text that determine width and height of a voutube video programmatically. I not this youtube code:
	I would like to locate all instances of width and height and change these to lets say (height=200 and width="400") so the code would read like this:
	Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.
141	Reply Syler said: November 22, 2011 at 3-42 am
	Use this for domain name with port path and query to verify it.
	\$hostRegex = "([a-2/d][-a-2/d]^*[a-2/d]\)*[a-2][-a-2/d]*[a-2]";
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	squetynegex = (\(\text{1" xt s}\))/\(\text{s}\))/\(\text{(hiff)tps?\(\text{!-v}\)}\). ShostRegex . SportRegex . SqueryRegex . \(\text{"ye}\);
142.	Reply Tom said: February 7, 2012 at 10:50 am
	Good tips. I've still got a long way to go, but I've finally decided PHP is the language for me. Fingers crossed within a few months I'll understand what all of these mean better! Tom
143	Reply Recep Kirmin said: February 16, 2012 at 3:19 pm
	(giflipg) Matches either "gif" or "jpeg"
	this does not match jpeg, it will match gif or jpg. just a little typo i guess.
144	Reply Dame said: February 29, 2012 at 5:08 am
144.	what if I want to store (save) all the title and links from the first page in a file (test_google.csv) when I search on google the word "test"? How should I write the condition and the preg_match,
	this is how I extract and post the data:
	Scurl = new Curl (true, "cookieFile.txt"); SgooglePage = Scurl -> get("http://");
	print SgeoglePage; die (); Reply
145.	Bridget said: March 20, 2012 at 2:39 pm
	Great article!! To the point! Every other article I find to try and understand regex STILL makes it sooo hard! :)
146.	Reply surest/said: June 15, 2012 at 1:46 am
	this is cool. thanks dude.
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