

# Regular Expression Grammar

Regex ::= StartOfStringAnchor? Expression  
Expression ::= Subexpression("|" Expression)?  
Subexpression ::= SubexpressionItem+  
SubexpressionItem ::=  $\begin{cases} \text{Match} \\ \text{Group} \\ \text{Anchor} \\ \text{Backreference} \end{cases}$   
Group ::= "(" GroupNonCapturingModifier? Expression ")" Quantifier?  
GroupNonCapturingModifier ::= "?:"  
Match ::= MatchItem Quantifier?  
MatchItem ::=  $\begin{cases} \text{MatchAnyCharacter} \\ \text{MatchCharacterClass} \\ \text{MatchCharacter} \end{cases}$   
MatchAnyCharacter ::= "."  
MatchCharacterClass ::=  $\begin{cases} \text{CharacterGroup} \\ \text{CharacterClass} \\ \text{CharacterClassFromUnicodeCategory} \end{cases}$   
MatchCharacter ::= Char  
CharacterGroup ::= "[" CharacterGroupNegativeModifier? CharacterGroupItem+ "]"  
CharacterGroupNegativeModifier ::= "^"  
CharacterGroupItem ::=  $\begin{cases} \text{CharacterClass} \\ \text{CharacterClassFromUnicodeCategory} \\ \text{CharacterRange} \\ \text{Char /* excluding "]" */} \end{cases}$   
CharacterClass ::=  $\begin{cases} \text{CharacterClassAnyWord} \\ \text{CharacterClassAnyWordInverted} \\ \text{CharacterClassAnyDecimalDigit} \\ \text{CharacterClassAnyDecimalDigitInverted} \end{cases}$   
CharacterClassAnyWord ::= "\w"  
CharacterClassAnyWordInverted ::= "\W"  
CharacterClassAnyDecimalDigit ::= "\d"  
CharacterClassAnyDecimalDigitInverted ::= "\D"  
CharacterClassFromUnicodeCategory ::= "\p" { UnicodeCategoryName }  
UnicodeCategoryName ::= Letters  
CharacterRange ::= Char ("-" Char)?  
Quantifier ::= QuantifierType LazyModifier?

$$\text{QuantifierType} ::= \begin{cases} \text{ZeroOrMoreQuantifier} \\ \text{OneOrMoreQuantifier} \\ \text{ZeroOrOneQuantifier} \\ \text{RangeQuantifier} \end{cases}$$

LazyModifier ::= "?"  
 ZeroOrMoreQuantifier ::= "\*"

OneOrMoreQuantifier ::= "+"  
 ZeroOrOneQuantifier ::= "?"

RangeQuantifier ::= "{" RangeQuantifierLowerBound ( "," RangeQuantifierUpperBound? )? "}"

RangeQuantifierLowerBound ::= Integer  
 RangeQuantifierUpperBound ::= Integer

Backreference ::= "\Integer"

StartOfStringAnchor ::= "^"

$$\text{Anchor} ::= \begin{cases} \text{AnchorWordBoundary} \\ \text{AnchorNonWordBoundary} \\ \text{AnchorStartOfStringOnly} \\ \text{AnchorEndOfStringOnlyNotNewline} \\ \text{AnchorEndOfStringOnly} \\ \text{AnchorPreviousMatchEnd} \\ \text{AnchorEndOfString} \end{cases}$$

AnchorWordBoundary ::= "\b"  
 AnchorNonWordBoundary ::= "\B"  
 AnchorStartOfStringOnly ::= "\A"  
 AnchorEndOfStringOnlyNotNewline ::= "\z"  
 AnchorEndOfStringOnly ::= "\Z"  
 AnchorPreviousMatchEnd ::= "\G"  
 AnchorEndOfString ::= "\$"

Integer ::= [0-9]+  
 Letters ::= [a-zA-Z]+

$$\text{Char} ::= \begin{cases} \text{\#x9} \\ \text{\#xA} \\ \text{\#xD} \\ \text{[ \#x20-\#xD7FF]} \\ \text{[ \#xE000-\#xFFFD]} \\ \text{[ \#x10000-\#x10FFFF]} \end{cases}$$