

Regex Cheat Sheet

Pattern	Description	Example
<code>^</code>	Start of string anchor – Asserts that the following pattern must occur at the beginning of the string.	<code>^Hello</code> matches "Hello world" only if "Hello" is at the start.
<code>\$</code>	End of string anchor – Asserts that the preceding pattern must occur at the end of the string.	<code>world\$</code> matches "Hello world" only if "world" is at the end.
<code>.</code>	Any character – Matches any single character except a newline.	<code>a.c</code> matches "abc", "a-c", or "a c".
<code>*</code>	Zero or more – Matches zero or more occurrences of the preceding element.	<code>ab*c</code> matches "ac", "abc", "abbc", etc.
<code>+</code>	One or more – Matches one or more occurrences of the preceding element.	<code>ab+c</code> matches "abc", "abbc", but not "ac".
<code>?</code>	Zero or one – Matches zero or one occurrence of the preceding element. Also makes quantifiers non-greedy when placed after them.	<code>colou?r</code> matches both "color" and "colour".
<code>{n}</code>	Exact count – Matches exactly <i>n</i> occurrences of the preceding element.	<code>a{3}</code> matches "aaa".
<code>{n,}</code>	At least n occurrences – Matches <i>n</i> or more occurrences of the preceding element.	<code>a{2,}</code> matches "aa", "aaa", "aaaa", etc.
<code>{n,m}</code>	Range of occurrences – Matches between <i>n</i> and <i>m</i> occurrences (inclusive) of the preceding element.	<code>a{2,4}</code> matches "aa", "aaa", or "aaaa".
<code>[abc]</code>	Character class – Matches any one of the characters enclosed in the brackets.	<code>[abc]</code> matches "a", "b", or "c".

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[^abc]	Negated character class – Matches any character <i>not</i> listed between the brackets.	[^abc] matches any character except "a", "b", or "c".
(abc)	Grouping and capturing – Groups the characters "abc" together, which can then be referenced later.	(abc)+ matches "abc", "abcabc", etc.
	Alternation (OR) – Matches the expression before or after the symbol.	cat dog matches "cat" or "dog".
\d	Digit character – Matches any single digit (equivalent to [0-9]).	\d matches "0", "1", ..., "9".
\D	Non-digit character – Matches any character that is not a digit.	\D matches letters or symbols that are not digits.
\w	Word character – Matches any alphanumeric character or underscore (equivalent to [A-Za-z0-9_]).	\w matches letters, digits, and underscores.
\W	Non-word character – Matches any character that is not a word character.	\W matches punctuation, spaces, etc.
\s	Whitespace character – Matches spaces, tabs, newlines, and other whitespace.	\s matches a single space or tab.
\S	Non-whitespace character – Matches any character that is not whitespace.	\S matches letters, digits, punctuation, etc.
\b	Word boundary – Asserts a position between a word character and a non-word character (or the beginning/end of the string).	\bword\b matches "word" as a whole word (not part of "sword" or "words").
\B	Non-word boundary – Asserts a position that is not a word boundary.	\Bend might match "bend" within a longer word like "amendment".