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Extended Globs

- More powerful globs
- match more than one character
- group patterns inside parentheses by surrounding them with an outter set of parentheses
- standard globs can be used inside extended globs
- specify number of occurrences
- match one group or another
- invert matches
- similar to regular expressions
- in some distributions, need to be enabled
- To determine if extended globs are enabled, run shopt | grep "extglob"
 - If they are not enabled, run shopt -s extglob
 - To make this persistent between user sessions it must be added the ~/.bashrc

Function	Extended Glob	Regular Expression
Group characters	(abc)	(abc)
Multiple patterns	(abc def)	(abc def)
Invert match	!(abc) ^(abc)	

Specifying occurrences

Occurrences	Extended Glob	Regular Expression
0 ог 1	?(abc)	(abc)?
Exactly 1	@(abc)	(abc)
1 or more	+(abc)	(abc)+
0 or more	*(abc)	(abc)*