

Recursion in Regex

or

How parse IBM Datastage dsx file?

Today we'll talk about recursion in regular expressions

Inspired by

Parsing JSON with a single regex

brian d \_foy

[http://blogs.perl.org/users/brian\\_d\\_foy/2013/10/parsing-json-with-a-single-regex.html](http://blogs.perl.org/users/brian_d_foy/2013/10/parsing-json-with-a-single-regex.html)

and Buddy Burden

[http://blogs.perl.org/users/buddy\\_burden/2013/06/slideshows-in-vroom-so-noted.html](http://blogs.perl.org/users/buddy_burden/2013/06/slideshows-in-vroom-so-noted.html)

Actually I am delighted by Brian D Foy as

He plays with regexes

```
use v5.10;  
$_ = <<'HERE';  
Amelia said "I am a camel"  
HERE  
  
say "Matched [${said}]!" if m/  
    ( [""] )  
    (?<said>.*?)  
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Here we know that% \$ + this hash contains named  
brackets

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use v5.18;
$_ = <<'HERE';
He said 'Amelia said "I am a camel"'
HERE

say "Matched [$+{said}]!" if m/
    (?<said>                                # $1
    (?<quote>['"] )
    (?:
        [^'" ]++
        |
        (?<said> (?1) )
    )*
    \g{quote}
)
/x;

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$_ = <<'HERE';
Out "Top 'Middle "Bottom" Middle' Out"
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say "Matched [$+{said}]!" if m/
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    (?<quote>['"] )
        (?:
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            |
            (?R)
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say "Matched [$+{said}]!" if m/
    (? (DEFINE)
        (?<QUOTE> ['"] )
        (?<NOT_QUOTE> [^'" ])
    )
    (?<said>
        (?<quote>( ?&QUOTE ))
        (?:
            (?&NOT_QUOTE)++
            |
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        (? :
            (?&NOT_QUOTE) ++
            |
            (?R)
        ) *
    ) \g{quote}
    )
    (? { push @matches, $^N } )
/x;
```

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say "\n".join ' | ', @matches;
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                ) *
                \g{quote}
            )
        )
    )
    (?&QUOTE) (?{ @matches=@{ $^R } })
/x;

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- \* You can write you slides in Vim...
- \* ...and present them in Vim!

## Getting Started

- \* Write a file called 'slides.vroom'.
  - \* Do this in a new directory.
- \* Run 'vroom vroom'.
- \* Voilà!



## Navigation

- \* Hit <SPACE> to move forward.
- \* Hit <BACKSPACE> to go backwards.
- \* Hit 'Q' to quit.

```
# This is some Perl code.  
# Notice the syntax highlighting.  
# Run it with the <RR> vim command.  
for my $word (qw(Vroom totally rocks!)) {  
    print "$word\n";  
}
```

Get Vroom!

- \* <http://search.cpan.org/dist/Vroom/>
- \* <http://github.com/ingydotnet/vroom-pm/>

Vroom as HTML

- \* <http://ingydotnet.github.com/vroom-pm/>

The End