

# regex match line containing string



I'm trying to create a regex that will select an entire line where is can match a string.

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Can't seem to get it to work.



Any help is greatly appreciated - you can see the testcase and what I've tried here:



<https://www.regex101.com/r/mT5rZ3/1>

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Many thanks in advance! :-)

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asked Jul 31 '15 at 11:52



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What about `.*Eventname 2.*` . – m0skit0 Jul 31 '15 at 11:54

you forget to put m modifier. [regex101.com/r/mT5rZ3/2](https://www.regex101.com/r/mT5rZ3/2) – Avinash Raj Jul 31 '15 at 11:57

@AvinashRaj Why add multi-line modifier if OP only wants to match single lines? – m0skit0 Jul 31 '15 at 11:59

@AvinashRaj I see it working in regex101 but in my software (uBot Studio) it doesn't. Don't think I can use m modifier there, but thanks for the try :- ) – Dyvel Jul 31 '15 at 12:01

Actually I got you solution @m0skit0 to work by first filtering my search string to only use the code in parenthesis as it was unique and made it easier to match... Thanks! – Dyvel Jul 31 '15 at 12:33

## 3 Answers

▲ This solves the question with 463 steps instead of 952 steps. Just ensure a new line a the end of the file.

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<https://www.regex101.com/r/mT5rZ3/5>

edited Aug 14 '16 at 14:44

answered Aug 14 '16 at 14:38




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If you are using the PHP regex `.` don't match newlines. So

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`.*(\bEventname 2\b).*`  
would be enough. If `.` matches newline you would need `*?` to make the dots non-greedy (so it just matches one line, instead of everything). You also need to be in multi-line mode to use `^` and `$`, but that shouldn't be necessary (since you only want to match one line anyway).


answered Jul 31 '15 at 12:02



Astrogat

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My search string would be like: Eventname 2 (T104) - can't seem to get it to work like that... ? – Dyvel Jul 31 '15 at 12:11 

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Please see [regex101.com/r/mT5rZ3/3](https://www.regex101.com/r/mT5rZ3/3) – Dyvel Jul 31 '15 at 12:12

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`.*(\bEventname 2 (T104)).*` Skip the word boundry, since it's already ended with `)`. You also need to escape the `()`. – Astrogat Jul 31 '15 at 12:22  
You are using a *string* containing several *lines*. By default, the `^` and `$` operators will match the beginning and end of the whole string. The `m` modifier will cause them to match the beginning and end of a line.

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answered Jul 31 '15 at 12:04



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