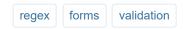
Regex match one of two words

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I have an input that can have only 2 values apple or banana. What regular expression can I use to ensure that either of the two words was submitted?

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In what language/environment is this regex being implemented? Regex seems like unnecessary overhead in many situations. – mickmackusa Jun 1 at 9:31 🧪

3 Answers



This will do:

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/^(apple|banana)\$/



to exclude from captured strings (e.g. \$1, \$2):



(?:apple|banana)

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³⁹ For some, using this as a non-capturing group will be useful. Using (?:apple|banna) will match either, but will not add them to the list of captured

strings (eg \$1, \$2.. \$N). - doub1ejack Dec 18 '13 at 15:45



There are different regex engines but I think most of them will work with this:

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apple banana



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10.2k 5 28 33

49 If you plan to put more in your regex, you'll need to put parentheses around your words, like this: (apple|banana) . - Brian J Oct 14 '14 at 13:01



Regular expression /.txt|.tif/ can be used on SiteScope to locate 'File name match' for Directory monitor when search two different type files- files ending in .txt or .tif





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