

DFA/NFA to Regex Project

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Idea

- Create a website that allows users to either input a transition table or draw a state diagram that will convert it into a regular expression

Tech Stack

- Front end \rightarrow react.js \rightarrow maybe typescript
CSS \rightarrow tailwind
- Back end \rightarrow rust

Front-end

- While front end is not main priority still want it to look presentable
- will have barebones structure using chakra UI / mui to maintain clean look
- Starts off with just inserting transition system in text area
- will call backend on submit of diagram, potentially on change of every text area.
- \rightarrow create Figma of actual design but here is rough sketch

Back-end

- main purpose will be a library to convert transition table to regular expression using the GnfA Algorithm
- Act as route that front-end will call when submit is clicked
- Transition table schema
From-State (String), Symbol (String), to-State Vec<String>
- Process the drawing that is created and parse into transition table \rightarrow long term goal
- will also have to input
 - States (Vec<String>)
 - Initial (String)
 - Accepting (Vec<String>)
 - Alphabet (Vec<char>)
 - transitions (transition-table)

Timeline

- Finish backend by Dec 1st
- Finish Front-end by Winter break
- This will only be the transition table

* Parsing this data is technically building a new language \rightarrow that's cool!
just a very simple language.

