

# DAY 11

## REGULAR EXPRESSION

- Anchors – `^` and `$`
  - `^The` matches any string that starts with The
  - `end$` matches a string that ends with end
  - `^The end$` exact string match (starts and ends with The end)
  - `roar` matches any string that has the text roar in it
- Quantifiers - `*` `+` `?` and `{ }`
  - `abc*` matches a string that has ab followed by zero or more c
  - `abc+` matches a string that has ab followed by one or more c
  - `abc?` matches a string that has ab followed by zero or one c
  - `abc{2}` matches a string that has ab followed by 2 c
  - `abc{2,}` matches a string that has ab followed by 2 or more c
  - `abc{2,5}` matches a string that has ab followed by 2 up to 5 c
- OR operator - `|` or `[ ]`
  - `a(b|c)` matches a string that has a followed by b or c
  - `a[bc]` same as previous

# GREP

- **grep**: Unix utility that searches a pattern through either information piped to it or files.
- **egrep**: extended grep, same as `grep -E`
- **zgrep**: compressed files.

**-i** ignore case during search  
**-r, -R** search recursively  
**-v** invert match i.e. match everything except *pattern*  
**-l** list files that match *pattern*  
**-L** list files that do not match *pattern*  
**-n** prefix each line of output with the line number within its input file.  
**-A num** print *num* lines of trailing context after matching lines.  
**-B num** print *num* lines of leading context before matching lines.

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100 Thomas Manager Sales $5,000
200 Jason Developer Technology $5,500
300 Raj Sysadmin Technology $7,000
500 Randy Manager Sales $6,000
```

## grep OR

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grep 'Man\|Sales' employee.txt
-> 100 Thomas Manager Sales $5,000
    300 Raj Sysadmin Technology $7,000
    500 Randy Manager Sales $6,000
```

## grep AND

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grep -i 'sys.*Tech' employee.txt
-> 100300 Raj Sysadmin Technology $7,000
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$(grep -oE "\b([0-9]{1,3}\.){3}[0-9]{1,3}\b" $file_path)
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