

Perl 6 Cheatsheet

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1 Regular Expressions

<code>~~</code>	Smart match operator.
<code>\$/</code>	Variable that contains the matched part of string.
<code>~\$/</code>	Stringify the <code>\$/</code> variable.
<code>.match</code>	Method invocation syntax.
<code>/ /</code>	Pattern is kept between a pair of slash delimiters.
<code>m/ /</code> or <code>m{ }</code>	Can use other delimiters except a pair of slash if we prefix the pattern with the letter “m”
<code>rx/ /</code> or <code>rx{ }</code>	signifies a pattern which can be stored in a variable
<code>.</code>	matches any character
<code>\w</code>	word character, matches one single alphanumeric character (alphabetical characters, digits and <code>_</code> character)
<code>\W</code>	any other character than <code>\w</code>
<code>\d</code>	digits
<code>\D</code>	non-digits
<code>\s</code>	any kind of whitespace, not just vertical whitespace.
<code>\S</code>	non-whitespace
<code>\n</code>	newline
<code>\N</code>	non-newline
<code>\h</code>	matches a single horizontal whitespace character.
<code>\H</code>	matches a single character that is not a horizontal whitespace character.

<code>\t</code>	matches a single tab character.
<code>\T</code>	matches a single character that is not a tab.
<code>\v</code>	matches a single vertical whitespace character.
<code>\V</code>	matches a single character that is not vertical whitespace.
<code><[]></code>	character class
<code><foo></code>	subrule
<code><-[]></code>	Negating character class
<code>^</code>	anchor representing beginning of the string
<code>^^</code>	start of line in multiline strings
<code>\$</code>	anchor representing end of the string
<code>\$\$</code>	end of line in multiline strings
<code><?before string></code>	match that comes before the string
<code><!before string></code>	match that does not come before the string
<code><?after string></code>	match that comes after the string
<code><!after string></code>	match that does not come after the string
<code><?{ }</code>	Code assertion which will match if code block returns a true value
<code><!{ }</code>	Code assertion which will match unless the code block returns a true value
<code> </code>	First match alternation
<code> </code>	Longest match alternation
<code>()</code>	Capturing
<code>\$0, \$1</code>	capture numbers, first and second items of the matched object in list context
<code>:i, :ignorecase</code>	Ignore upper or lower case
<code>:s, :sigspace</code>	adverb that makes whitespace significant in regex pattern
<code>:m</code>	ignore marks
<code>:g</code>	global
<code>:r</code>	ratchet
<code>< w></code>	match a word boundary
<code><! w></code>	not match a word boundary
<code><<</code>	matches a left word boundary.
<code>>></code>	matches a right word boundary.

1.1 Predefined subrules

<alnum>	\w	‘alpha’ plus ‘digit’
<alpha>	<:L>	Alphabetic characters
<blank>	\h	Horizontal whitespace
<cntrl>		Control characters
<digit>	\d	Decimal digits
<graph>		‘alnum’ plus ‘punct’
<lower>	<:Ll>	Lowercase characters
<print>		‘graph’ plus ‘space’, but no ‘cntrl’
<punct>		Punctuation and Symbols (only Punct beyond ASCII)
<space>	\s	Whitespace
<upper>	<:Lu>	Uppercase characters
< wb>		Word Boundary (zero-width assertion)
<ww>		Within Word (zero-width assertion)
<xdigit>		Hexadecimal digit [0-9A-Fa-f]

1.2 Quantifiers

+	matching preceding character one or more times. Quantifiers bind tighter than concatenation, so ab+ matches one a followed by one or more b’s. This is different for quotes, so ‘ ab ’+ matches the strings ab, abab, ababab etc.
*	matching preceding character zero or more times
?	matching preceding character zero or one match
** min..max	at least min and at most max times.
%	modified quantifier
:	prevent backtracking

Perl 6 is Unicode compliant.

Whitespace is usually not significant within regex patterns unless specified with **:s** or **:sigspace** adverb.