

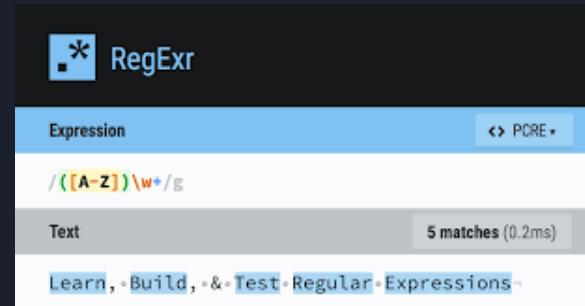


$/(Re+|DoS)^*/$

For fun and stuck!

O que é uma expressão regular (regex)?

- Uma expressão regular (regex) é uma sequência de caracteres que especificam um padrão de busca.
- Surgiu a partir dos estudos do matemático Stephen Cole Kleene no ano de 1950.
- Definiu as bases para os primeiros algoritmos de busca.





Pra que serve uma (expressão regular) regex?

- São utilizadas para busca, extração, substituição e validação de padrões de caracteres.
- Utilizada por softwares que realizam busca, SGDBs, IDEs, processadores de texto, WAFs, IDSs, motores de busca, parsers, utilitários de linha de comando e etc.
- MySQL, MongoDB, VS Code, grep, findstr e etc.

Pra que serve uma (expressão regular) regex?

- Validação de IPv4



```
/\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}/
```

\d - Representa dígitos

{1,3} - O caractere anterior pode aparecer 1 a 3 vezes

\. - Equivale a um ponto final

```
//192.168.0.1
```

```
//127.0.0.1
```

```
//8.8.8.8
```



Pra que serve uma (expressão regular) regex?

- Comentários HTML / XML

```
● ● ●  
/<!--([\s\S]*?)-->/  
  
<!-- - String literal  
\s - Espaço em branco  
\S - Não espaço em branco  
*? - Busca uma ou mais vezes de forma não gananciosa  
--> - String literal  
  
// <!-- -->  
// <!-- #HackThePlanet -->  
// <!-- Hello, world! -->
```



O que é um ataque ReDoS?

- É uma abreviação de Regular Expression Denial of Service.
- Pode causar indisponibilidade de um sistema por lentidão ou por queda.
- É um ataque que ocorre quando um engine de expressão regular tentar validar uma entrada (texto) e consome muito recurso computacional para realizar a análise.

CWE-1333: Inefficient Regular Expression Complexity

Weakness ID: 1333
Vulnerability Mapping: ALLOWED
Abstraction: Base

[View customized information:](#) [Conceptual](#) [Operational](#) [Mapping Friendly](#) [Complete](#) [Custom](#)

Description
The product uses a regular expression with an inefficient, possibly exponential worst-case computational complexity that consumes excessive CPU cycles.



Porque um ReDoS ocorre?

- Alguns algoritmos de análise de expressão regular implementam backtracking*.
- Dependendo do tamanho do input, esse algoritmo com backtracking é sobrecarregado e consome muito processamento para analisar um regex.
- Expressões regulares ambíguas "triggam" esse cenário.
- Linguagens que possuem engine que implementam backtracking são vulneráveis. (C#, JavaScript, Java, Python, PHP, Ruby, etc.)

Show me the code



Talk is cheap. Show me the code.
(Linus Torvalds)



Incidentes e vulnerabilidades de ReDoS

CloudFlare (02/07/19) - DoS de domínios devido a uma regex em uma regra de WAF.

StackOverflow (20/07/2016) - DoS devido a uma regex que removia espaços no início e ao final do texto.

validator.js (CVE-2021-3765) - Já teve várias vulnerabilidades de ReDoS e é utilizada por mais de 5600 bibliotecas.

jsPDF (CVE-2021-23353) - Vulnerabilidade de ReDoS ao validar uma imagem.

Falhas ReDoS não param de crescer

ReDoS vulnerabilities in npm spikes by 143% and XSS continues to grow

Written by:  Liran Tal



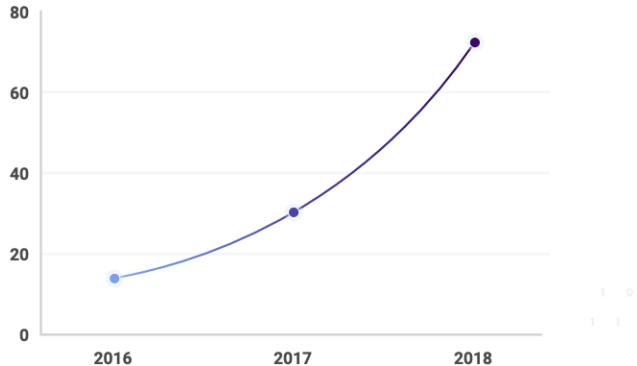
Regular expression denial of service

The Node.js runtime is known to have many strengths, but one of them, the single threaded Event Loop, can also be its weakest link if not used correctly. This happens more regularly than one might think.

Regular expression denial of service (ReDoS) attacks exploit the non-linear worst-case complexity vulnerabilities that some regex patterns can lead to. For a single-threaded runtime this could be devastating, and this is why Node.js is significantly affected by this type of vulnerability.

We found that there were a growing number of ReDoS vulnerabilities disclosed over the last three years, with a spike of 143% in 2018 alone.

Regular expression denial of service (ReDoS) disclosures on the rise





O formato CSV

- É um formato de texto que utiliza vírgulas para separar valores
- É um formato de arquivo leve e simples para representar dados em forma de linhas e colunas
- Muito usado em softwares como Microsoft Excel e Libre Office

O formato CSV

```
Nome,Idade,Cidade,Hobbies
João,25,São Paulo,"Leitura,Esportes,Jogos de Tabuleiro"
Maria,30,Rio de Janeiro,"Música,Artes,Culinária"
Carlos,22,Belo Horizonte,"Viajar,Fotografia,Esportes Aquáticos"
```



Nome	Idade	Cidade	Hobbies
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Google e sites estilos Stack Overflow

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of Google search results for the query "regex for csv delimiter".

Left Screenshot: Shows the first four search results. The results are highlighted with colored boxes and thumbs-up/down icons.

- Stack Overflow**: A green box highlights the first result, which is a question about regular expressions to match CSV delimiters. It has a thumbs-up icon below it.
- O'Reilly Media**: A green box highlights the second result, which is a blog post titled "8.10. Change the Delimiter Used in CSV Files". It has a thumbs-up icon below it.
- Software Engineering Stack Exchange**: A red box highlights the third result, which is a question about defining CSV format with regex. It has a thumbs-down icon below it.
- Gist**: A red box highlights the fourth result, which is a GitHub gist about parsing Microsoft-style CSV data. It has a thumbs-down icon below it.

Right Screenshot: Shows the remaining search results. The results are highlighted with colored boxes and thumbs-up/down icons.

- Towards Data Science**: A green box highlights the first result, which is a blog post titled "Fixing Common CSV Errors with Regex" by Zachary Warner. It has a thumbs-up icon below it.
- CopyProgramming**: A red box highlights the second result, which is a blog post titled "Regex to split a CSV". It has a thumbs-up icon below it.
- Ask LibreOffice**: A green box highlights the third result, which is a blog post titled "Parsing a csv file using Regex (almost)". It has a thumbs-up icon below it.
- RegExLib**: A red box highlights the fourth result, which is a blog post titled "Search Results: 14 regular expressions found". It has a thumbs-down icon below it.
- Okta**: A green box highlights the fifth result, which is a blog post titled "How to Add Regex Rule for Values Coming in CSV Format". It has a thumbs-up icon below it.
- ORAYLIS**: A red box highlights the sixth result, which is a blog post titled "Analyzing Flat File data with Regular Expressions". It has a thumbs-down icon below it.



Google e sites estilo Stack Overflow

Regex vulneráveis	Regex não vulneráveis
5	3

Chat GPT



You

I need a regex to get every comma that's outside a "", look the example

1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S



ChatGPT

You can use the following regular expression to match commas outside double quotes:

regex

Copy code

```
,(?=(?:[^"]*"[^"]*")*[^"]*$)
```

Here's how this regex works:

- ` , ` matches the comma.
- `(?= ...)` is a positive lookahead assertion, which checks if the following pattern is present without including it in the match.
- `(?:[^"]*"[^"]*")*` matches pairs of double quotes and anything in between them. This allows us to skip commas inside double quotes.
- `[^"]*\$` matches anything that is not a double quote until the end of the string.



You

This regex is vulnerable to redos

```
,(?=(?:[^"]*"[^"]*")*[^"]*$)
```



ChatGPT

You're correct; the provided regex can potentially be vulnerable to catastrophic backtracking, which is a security concern. To address this, you can make a slight modification to make it more efficient and avoid potential performance issues.

Here's an updated regex that aims to be more efficient:

regex

Copy code

```
,(?=(?:(?:(?:[^"]*"[^"]*")*[^\"])*"[^\"]*[^"]*)*[^\"]*$)
```

This modification introduces a non-capturing group `(?:[^"]*"[^"]*")*` to match sequences of characters within double quotes more efficiently, reducing the risk of catastrophic backtracking. The overall structure of the regex remains the same, ensuring commas are matched outside these sequences of double quotes.

Always be cautious when dealing with regular expressions, especially in scenarios where user input is involved, to prevent potential security vulnerabilities like Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS).

Chat GPT

JM You
This regex is vulnerable to redos
`,(?:=[":]*"[":]*)*[":]*$)`

ChatGPT
I apologize for the oversight. You are correct, and I appreciate your diligence in pointing that out. To avoid potential ReDoS vulnerabilities, we can use a different approach:

regex

"[^"]*"|[^\n]+

Copy code

This regex will match either a quoted string or a sequence of characters that does not include a comma. You can use this regex to extract values from your CSV data while avoiding the ReDoS issue.

Chat GPT

Regex vulneráveis	Regex não vulneráveis
2	1

Github Copilot

I need a regex that parse this CSV 1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S ➤

Accept

Discard | ⚙️



Changed 4 lines



```
// BEGIN: regex
const regex = /(?:^|,)(?:"(?:[^"]*(?:"""[^"]*")*)")|([",,]*)(?=,|$)/g;
// END: regex
```

I need a regex that parse this CSV 1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S ➤

Accept

Discard | ⚙️



Changed 7 lines



I need a regex that parse this CSV 1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S ➤

Accept

Discard | ⚙️



Changed 7 lines



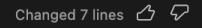
```
const csvString = '1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S';
const regexPattern = /,(?=:(?:[^"]*"){2})*[^"]*$)/;
const csvArray = csvString.split(regexPattern);
console.log(csvArray);
```

```
// BEGIN: Regex pattern
const csvString = '1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S';
const regex = /(?:^|,)(\"(?:[^"]+|\\")*\\"|[^,]*)/g;
const result = csvString.match(regex).map(value => value.replace(/\,/g, ' '));
console.log(result);
// END: Regex pattern
```

I need a regex that parse this CSV 1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S ➤

Accept

Discard | ⚙️



```
// BEGIN: Regex to split CSV string
const csvString = '1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S';
const regex = /,(?=:(?:[^"]*"){2})*[^"]*$)/;
const result = csvString.split(regex);
console.log(result);
// END: Regex to split CSV string
```

Github Copilot

```
I need a regex that parse this CSV 1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S ➤  
Accept Discard ⚡ Changed 12 lines ⚡
```

```
const csvString = '1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S';  
const regexPattern = /(?:[^,]|,) (?:(["^"]*(?:[^""]*"[^"]*")|([",,]*))/g;  
const parsedArray = [];  
let match;  
  
while ((match = regexPattern.exec(csvString))) {  
  parsedArray.push(match[1] || match[2]);  
}  
  
console.log(parsedArray);
```

```
I need a regex that parse this CSV 1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S ➤  
Accept Discard ⚡ Changed 7 lines ⚡
```

```
const csvString = '1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S';  
const regex = /(["^"]+|[^\r\n]+)\r\n/g;  
const result = csvString.match(regex);  
  
console.log(result);
```

```
I need a regex that parse this CSV 1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S ➤  
Accept Discard ⚡ Changed 7 lines ⚡
```

```
// BEGIN: regex  
const csvString = '1,0,3,"Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", male,22,1,0,A/5 21171,7.25,,S';  
const regexPattern = /(["^"]*|[^\r\n]+)(?:,|$)/g;  
const csvArray = csvString.match(regexPattern).map((entry) => entry.replace(/^\s(.*)\s$/, '$1'));  
console.log(csvArray);  
// END: regex
```



Github Copilot

Regex vulneráveis	Regex não vulneráveis
4	3



Google, Chat GPT e GitHub Copilot

Regex vulneráveis	Regex não vulneráveis
11	7

Minha primeira CVE



xlsx TS

0.18.5 • Public • Published 2 years ago

[Readme](#) [Code](#) Beta [7 Dependencies](#) [4,405 Dependents](#) [108 Versions](#)

SheetJS

The SheetJS Community Edition offers battle-tested open-source solutions for extracting useful data from almost any complex spreadsheet and generating new spreadsheets that will work with legacy and modern software alike.

SheetJS Pro offers solutions beyond data processing: Edit complex templates with ease; let out your inner Picasso with styling; make custom sheets with images/graphs/PivotTables; evaluate formula expressions and port calculations to web apps; automate common spreadsheet tasks, and much more!

Install `> npm i xlsx`

Repository github.com/SheetJS/sheetjs

Homepage sheetjs.com/

Weekly Downloads  1,906,276

CVE-2024-22363

Summary

All versions of SheetJS CE through 0.20.1 are vulnerable to "Regular Expression Denial of Service" (ReDoS). For more details, see <https://regexecide.com>

Categorization

CVSS Vector: CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H (Score 7.5 - High)

CWE-1333 Inefficient Regular Expression Complexity [1]

Minha primeira CVE



Why the move away from npm registry? #2667

Closed JSin opened this issue on Apr 26, 2022 · 24 comments



JSin commented on Apr 26, 2022

I noticed from this [ed18acd](#) that you moved away from publishing to the npm registry and recommend people download using tarballs on the CDN. Why did you move away? The npm registry is an extremely common way to download packages.

29 2



SheetJSDev commented on Apr 27, 2022

Contributor

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Hi, sheetjs!

On May 31, 2022, your account will be enrolled in mandatory 2FA as you are a maintainer of `xlsx`, one of the Top-500 packages by dependents on the npm registry. Late last year, we [announced](#) our intent to enforce 2FA for all high-impact maintainers of package on the npm registry and on February 1, 2022, we [began rolling out](#) mandatory 2FA to our first cohort.

How will this affect my account?

The package on the npm registry is surprisingly popular (one of the top-500 by dependents). npm invalidated the old publish token and is forcing 2FA on the publishing account.

Due to ongoing legal matters between SheetJS LLC and npm, Inc. (which will not be discussed here), it did not make sense to continue using the public npm registry for distribution.

With [GitHub](#) (the owner of NPM) [sunsetting the git.io domain with only 4 days notice](#), we are reminded of the ephemerality of the Internet and the inherent risks of relying on platforms.

Remediation

Users should upgrade to version 0.20.2 or later. Official releases are available on the SheetJS CDN [2]. SheetJS CE documentation includes installation instructions for common deployments [7].

Acknowledgements

Special thanks to [Asadbek Karimov](#) and [Jardel Matias](#) for discovering and helping to resolve the issue.

Minha quase segunda CVE

nodemailer DT
6.9.13 • Public • Published 17 days ago

[Readme](#) [Code](#) Beta [0 Dependencies](#) [6,911 Dependents](#) [269 Versions](#)

Nodemailer

nodemailer ReDoS when trying to send a specially crafted email

Moderate severity GitHub Reviewed Published on Jan 31 in nodemailer/nodemailer • Updated on Feb 1

Vulnerability details Dependabot alerts 0

Package	Affected versions	Patched versions
nodemailer (npm)	<= 6.9.8	6.9.9

Description

Summary

A ReDoS vulnerability occurs when nodemailer tries to parse img files with the parameter `attachDataUrls` set, causing the stuck of event loop.
Another flaw was found when nodemailer tries to parse an attachments with a embedded file, causing the stuck of event loop.

Details

Regex: `/^data:(?:[^;];(?:[^;])|,)(.)$/`
Path: `compile -> getAttachments -> _processDataURL`
Regex: `/(<img\b[^>]* src\s*=[\s"]*(data:([^\s]+);[^"\s">]\s+))/`
Path: `_convertDataImages`

PoC

<https://gist.github.com/francoatmega/890dd505337533e40c6fdbcc8c58df6>
<https://gist.github.com/francoatmega/9aab042b0b24968d7b7039818e8b2698>

Severity Moderate 5.3 / 10

CVSS base metrics

Attack vector	Network
Attack complexity	Low
Privileges required	None
User interaction	None
Scope	Unchanged
Confidentiality	None
Integrity	None
Availability	Low

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:L

Weaknesses
CWE-1333

CVE ID
No known CVE

GHSA ID
GHSA-9h6g-pr28-7cqf

Install
`npm i nodemailer`

Repository [github.com/nodemailer/nodemailer](#)

Homepage [nodemailer.com/](#)

Weekly Downloads 3,150,937

Fun facts

Your reported issue stems from the regular expression /<!--([\s\S]*?)-->/mg . This general pattern of a non-greedy match of HEADER + any + FOOTER is common (and is easily "pumped" by repeating HEADER). There are a number of workarounds. In this case it would suffice to ensure that FOOTER exists:

```
if(str.indexOf("-->") > -1) str = str.replace(/<!--([\s\S]*?)-->/mg,"")
```

For good measure, we will go back and review some of the regular expressions with an eye towards different options. That replace literally looks for a closing '-->' after an opening '<!--', which is probably better implemented as a loop that scans for HEADER and FOOTER using `indexOf`

 Jardel Matias
Para: SheetJS Security Team

  Responder  Responder a todos  Encaminhar 
Seg, 08/01/

evilFile.xlsx
1 <!--><!--><!--><!--><!--><!--><!--><!-->
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Hi again, just thinking a little bit more but I think that this line does not solve the problem

```
if(str.indexOf("-->") > -1) str = str.replace(/<!--([\s\S]*?)-->/mg,"")
```

The conditional there can be easily bypassed via a crafted file that starts like this <!--><!--<!-- and still trigger the ReDos.

Best regards.

Fun facts



```
473 -     let parts = (content.path || content.href).match(/^data:(?:[^;]*;)*(?:[^,]*),(.*)$/i);
474 -     if (!parts) {
522 +         let parsedDataUri = module.exports.parseDataURI(content.path || content.href);
523 +
524 +         if (!parsedDataUri || !parsedDataUri.data) {
```



```
parseDataURI(uri) {
  +     let input = uri;
 565 +     let commaPos = input.indexOf(',');
 566 +     if (!commaPos) {
 567 +         return uri;
 568 +     }
 569 +
 570 +     let data = input.substring(commaPos + 1);
 571 +     let metaStr = input.substring('data:'.length, commaPos);
 572 +
 573 +     let encoding;
 574 +
 575 +     let metaEntries = metaStr.split(';');
 576 +     let lastMetaEntry = metaEntries.length > 1 ? metaEntries[metaEntries.length - 1] : false;
 577 +     if (lastMetaEntry && lastMetaEntry.indexOf('=') < 0) {
 578 +         encoding = lastMetaEntry.toLowerCase();
 579 +         metaEntries.pop();
 580 +     }
 581 +
 582 +     let contentType = metaEntries.shift() || 'application/octet-stream';
 583 +     let params = {};
 584 +     for (let entry of metaEntries) {
 585 +         let sep = entry.indexOf('=');
 586 +         if (sep >= 0) {
 587 +             let key = entry.substring(0, sep);
 588 +             let value = entry.substring(sep + 1);
 589 +             params[key] = value;
```

Fun facts



```
537 537      * @return {Object} Parsed element
538 538      */
539 539      _processDataURL(element) {
```

```
540 -          let parts = (element.path || element.href).match(/^data:(?:[^;]*;){0,20}(?:[^\,]*),(.*)$/i);
541 -          if (!parts) {
540 +              let parsedDataUri;
541 +              if ((element.path || element.href).match(/^data:/)) {
542 +                  parsedDataUri = this.parseDataURL(element.path || element.href);
543 +              }
544 +
545 +              if (!parsedDataUri) {
```

```
421 + module.exports.parseDataURL = uri => {
422 +     let input = uri;
423 +     let commaPos = input.indexOf(',');
424 +     if (!commaPos) {
425 +         return uri;
426 +     }
427 +
428 +     let data = input.substring(commaPos + 1);
429 +     let metaStr = input.substring('data:'.length, commaPos);
430 +
431 +     let encoding;
432 +
433 +     let metaEntries = metaStr.split(';;');
434 +     let lastMetaEntry = metaEntries.length > 1 ? metaEntries[metaEntries.length - 1] : false;
435 +     if (lastMetaEntry && lastMetaEntry.indexOf('=') < 0) {
436 +         encoding = lastMetaEntry.toLowerCase();
437 +         metaEntries.pop();
438 +     }
439 +
440 +     let contentType = metaEntries.shift() || 'application/octet-stream';
441 +     let params = {};
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443 +         let sep = entry.indexOf('=');
444 +         if (sep >= 0) {
445 +             let key = entry.substring(0, sep);
446 +             let value = entry.substring(sep + 1);
447 +             params[key] = value;
448 +         }
449 +     }
450 + }
```





Como prevenir ataques ReDoS?

- Utilize bibliotecas de terceiros.
- Evite criar regex que possam levar a resultados ambíguos, evite agrupamentos com repetições ou alternância. Como por exemplo:

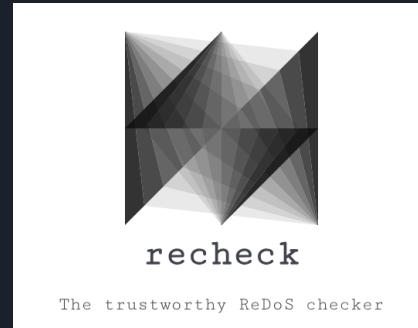
```
^data:(\w*\|\w*);*charset=[\w=-]*;*$  
^([a-zA-Z0-9])([!-]|\_)+?([a-zA-Z0-9]+\*)(@){1}[a-zA-Z0-9]+[.]{1}(([a-zA-Z]{2,3})|([a-zA-Z]{2,3}[.]{1}[a-zA-Z]{2,3}))$  
^-?\D*[d.]+\d{2}$  
^(a|a)*$
```
- Utilize engines de regex que não sejam vulneráveis a backtracing, como por exemplo a re2 da Google.*
- Mantenham suas dependências atualizadas.

*Linguagens como Go e Rust não são vulneráveis.

Como prevenir ataques ReDoS?

- Valide as suas regex
- <https://devina.io/redos-checker>
- Projeto **recheck**
- Biblioteca JS, biblioteca Scala e Plugin ESLint
- <https://makenowjust-labs.github.io/recheck/>

The screenshot shows the ReDoS checker interface. At the top, it says "ReDoS checker" and "Examine regular expressions for potential Denial of Service vulnerabilities". Below that is a text input field containing a complex regular expression: `/(?:^|.)(?:^(?:([^\n]*(?:^|[^\n]*$)*))|([^\n]*)(?=\,$)/`. To the right of the input field are two buttons: "Check" and "Validation failed". The result section below the input field displays the message "`/(?:^|.)(?:^(?:([^\n]*(?:^|[^\n]*$)*))|([^\n]*)(?=\,$)` is vulnerable". It also shows the complexity as "polynomial" and the checker as "fuzz". Under "Attack string", there is a text input field containing the string `'\x00' + '\x00'.repeat(54773) + ''`. Below that is a "Hotspot" section with another text input field containing the same complex regular expression as the input field above.



Como prevenir ataques ReDoS?

- Utilize as funcionalidades da linguagem que você utiliza
- C# (Backtrack abortion)

Regex.MatchTimeout Property

Reference

↳ Feedback

Definition

Namespace: System.Text.RegularExpressions

Assembly: System.Text.RegularExpressions.dll

Source: [Regex.Timeout.cs](#) ↗

Gets the time-out interval of the current instance.

C#

↗ Copy

```
public TimeSpan MatchTimeout { get; }
```

Como prevenir ataques ReDoS?

Linear regex algorithm #51659

Closed

francoatmega opened this issue on Feb 4 · 4 comments



francoatmega commented on Feb 4 · edited

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What is the problem this feature will solve?

Recently, we have witnessed a surge in ReDoS (Regular Expression Denial of Service) issues, and the root cause behind these occurrences lies in the regex engine we employ for matching patterns. There is a library called re2, which serves as a wrapper for Google's re2 engine. This library resolves all regex patterns in linear time, albeit lacking support for backreferences and look-arounds.

Upon researching this matter, it becomes evident that prominent projects are grappling with this problem. Languages such as [Rust](#) and [Go](#) have successfully mitigated these issues long ago. Considering the impact of ReDoS on Node.js, particularly its tendency to stall the event loop, it seems prudent to integrate this functionality into the Node.js codebase.

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<https://swtch.com/~rsc/regexp/regexp1.html>



rluvaton commented on Feb 5

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Since RegExp is part of [ECMAScript](#) and therefore the JS engine should implement this and not NodeJS, you can open issue in the V8 issue tracking



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Aurele-Barriere commented on Feb 6

Have you looked into using the "Experimental" regex engine in V8, available in Node?

It has been described here:

<https://v8.dev/blog/non-backtracking-regexp>

It uses exactly the Thompson NFA simulation algorithm described in the blog post you linked.

You can start node with `node --enable-experimental-regexp-engine`.

Then, a new Regex flag is available, `l`.

Any regex with the `l` flag will be executed using the linear Experimental engine.

For instance, if I define `const re = /(a*)*b/`,

Using the usual backtracking algorithm on a string of "a"s (for instance `"a".repeat(1000).match(re)`), it takes forever.

But if I define instead `const re = /(a*)*b/l` with the `l` flag, then `"a".repeat(1000).match(re)` finishes almost immediately.

As you said, this engine lacks support for backreferences and lookarounds.

However, a recent commit adds support for lookbehinds without capture groups inside:

<https://chromium-review.googlesource.com/c/v8/v8/+/5093860>

Is this Experimental engine what you are looking for?



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You may be interested in the following links:

- <https://v8.dev/blog/non-backtracking-regexp>
- <https://es.discourse.group/t/safe-regex-engine-to-prevent-redos-attack/450/6>
- <https://es.discourse.group/t/re2-consider-having-it-as-alternative-engine-choice/1388/15>

V8 does impose a bound currently on some regexps, but not all.

On Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 4:59:04AM UTC-8 jardelm...@gmail.com wrote:

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To solve this problem maybe we can implementing a regex algorithm that operates in linear time, such as the Thompson implementation detailed in this [link](#), is a worthwhile endeavor.

A had open the issues in Node Js issues page, take a look <https://github.com/nodejs/node/issues/51659>

Best regards,

Jardel Matias

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The screenshot shows a blog post titled "An additional non-backtracking RegExp engine" published on January 11, 2021. The post discusses the introduction of a new experimental RegExp engine in v8.8 that guarantees linear execution time relative to the subject string size. It includes a graph showing runtime vs. subject length for the pattern `/(a*)*b/.exec('a'.repeat(n))`.

Starting with v8.8, V8 ships with a new experimental non-backtracking RegExp engine (in addition to the existing [Irregexp engine](#)) which guarantees execution in linear time with respect to the size of the subject string. The experimental engine is available behind the feature flags mentioned below.

Runtime of `/(a*)*b/.exec('a'.repeat(n))` for $n \leq 100$

Subject length n	Runtime (ms)
0	~0.05
25	~0.28
50	~0.28
75	~0.28
100	~0.3

Here's how you can configure the new RegExp engine:

- `--enable-experimental-regexp_engine_on_excessive_backtracks` enables the fallback to the non-backtracking engine on excessive backtracks.
- `--regexp_backtracks_before_fallback N` (default $N = 50,000$) specifies how many backtracks

The fallback mechanism does not apply to all patterns. For the fallback mechanism to kick in, the RegExp must:

- not contain backreferences,
- not contain lookaheads or lookbehinds,
- not contain large or deeply nested finite repetitions, as in e.g. `/a{200,500}/`, and
- not have the `u` (Unicode) or `i` (case insensitive) flags set.

Background: catastrophic backtracking

RegExp matching in V8 is handled by the Irregexp engine. Irregexp jit-compiles RegExps to specialized native code (or [bytecode](#)) and is thus extremely fast for most patterns. For some patterns, however, Irregexp's runtime can blow up exponentially in the size of the input string. The example above, `/(a*)*b/.exec('a'.repeat(100))`, does not finish within our lifetimes if executed by Irregexp.

So what's going on here? Irregexp is a *backtracking* engine. When faced with a choice of how a match can continue, Irregexp explores the first alternative in its entirety, and then backtracks if necessary to explore the second alternative. Consider for instance matching the pattern `/abc| [az][by][0-9]/` against the subject string `'ab3'`. Here Irregexp tries to match `/abc/` first and fails after the second character. It then backtracks by two characters and successfully matches the second alternative `/ [az][by][0-9]/`. In patterns with quantifiers such as `/(abc)*xyz/`, Irregexp has to choose after a match of the body whether to match the body again or to continue with the remaining pattern.

Let's try to understand what's going on when matching `/(a*)*b/` against a smaller subject string, say `'aaa'`. This pattern contains nested quantifiers, so we're asking Irregexp to match a *sequence of sequences* of `'a'`, and then match `'b'`. Clearly there is no match because the subject string does not contain `'b'`. However, `/(a*)*/` matches, and it does so in exponentially many different ways:

```
'aaa'          'aa', 'a'          'aa', ''  
'a', 'aa'      'a', 'a', 'a'      'a', 'a', ''  
...  
"
```



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- Habilitar a feature flag **--enable-experimental-regexp-engine**
- Adicionar a flag *I* nas regex
- Be happy ;)

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Talk is cheap. Show me the code.

(Linus Torvalds)



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What is a regular expression?

A regular expression (regex) is a sequence of characters that specify a search pattern. It is defined as a [formal language](#) and originated from the studies of the mathematician [Stephen Cole Kleene](#) in the 50s.

Where are regular expressions used?

Regular expressions specify patterns, so they are widely used for data validation and extraction. Below is an example of a regex that identifies whether a given text is a IP address:

```
\d{1,3}.\d{1,3}.\d{1,3}.\d{1,3}
```



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