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<html>
  <head> <title>Word Frequency Example Reg Exp.</title></head>
  <body>
    <?php
      function splitter($str){

        $freq = array();

        $regex = "[\.,;:!\?\s]\s*";
        // Split the string into words array
        $words = preg_split($regex, $str);

        //Loop to count the words
        foreach ($words as $w) {
          $keys = array_keys($freq);
          if(in_array($w, $keys))
            $freq[$w]++;
          else
            $freq[$w]=1;
        }
        return $freq;
      }

      // Main Program
      $str = "The syntax is similar to Perl, C, and C++, so learning it is
              not a stretch for the experienced programmer.The syntax is a bit
              simpler than Perl. Like Perl, PHP is object oriented, so you can
              create classes, methods, etc.";
      $tab = splitter($str);

      // Displaying words and their frequency
      print"<br>Word Frequency<br><hr>";
      $sort_keys = array_keys($tab);
      sort($sort_keys);
      foreach ($sort_keys as $word)
        print "$word $tab[$word] <br>";
    ?>
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