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# Regular Expressions.

## Summary of regular-expression constructs

Construct	Matches
<b>Characters</b>	
X	The character x
\\	The backslash character
\On	The character with octal value 0n (0 <= n <= 7)
\Onn	The character with octal value 0nn (0 <= n <= 7)
\0mnn	The character with octal value 0mnn (0 <= m <= 3, 0 <= n <= 7)
\xhh	The character with hexadecimal value 0xhh
\uhhhh	The character with hexadecimal value 0uhhhh
\t	The tab character ('\u0009')
\n	The newline (line feed) character ('\u000A')
\r	The carriage-return character ('\u000D')
\f	The form-feed character ('\u000C')
\a	The alert (bell) character ('\u0007')
\e	The escape character ('\u001B')
\cx	The control character corresponding to x
<b>Character classes</b>	
[abc]	a, b, or c (simple class)
[abc]	Any character except a, b, or c (negation)
[a-zA-Z]	a through z or A through Z, inclusive (range)
[a-d[m-p]]	a through d, or m through p: [a-dm-p] (union)
[a-z&&[def]]	d, e, or f (intersection)
[a-z&&[^bc]]	a through z, except for b and c: [ad-z] (subtraction)
[a-z&&[^m-p]]	a through z, and not m through p: [a-lq-z](subtraction)
<b>Predefined character classes</b>	
.	Any character (may or may not match <a href="#">line terminators</a> )
\d	A digit: [0-9]
\D	A non-digit: [^0-9]
\s	A whitespace character: [ \t\n\x0B\f\r]
\S	A non-whitespace character: [^\s]
\w	A word character: [a-zA-Z_0-9]
\W	A non-word character: [^\w]
<b>POSIX character classes (US-ASCII only)</b>	
\p{Lower}	A lower-case alphabetic character: [a-z]
\p{Upper}	An upper-case alphabetic character:[A-Z]
\p{ASCII}	All ASCII:[\x00-\x7F]
\p{Alpha}	An alphabetic character:[\p{Lower}\p{Upper}]
\p{Digit}	A decimal digit: [0-9]
\p{Alnum}	An alphanumeric character:[\p{Alpha}\p{Digit}]
\p{Punct}	Punctuation: One of !"#\$%&'()*+,./;:<=>?@[\]^_`{ }~
\p{Graph}	A visible character: [\p{Alnum}\p{Punct}]

Construct	Matches
<b>Characters</b>	
\p{Print}	A printable character: [\p{Graph}]
\p{Blank}	A space or a tab: [ \t]
\p{Cntrl}	A control character: [\x00-\x1F\x7F]
\p{XDigit}	A hexadecimal digit: [0-9a-fA-F]
\p{Space}	A whitespace character: [ \t\n\x0B\f\r]
<b>Classes for Unicode blocks and categories</b>	
\p{InGreek}	A character in the Greek block (simple <a href="#">block</a> )
\p{Lu}	An uppercase letter (simple <a href="#">category</a> )
\p{Sc}	A currency symbol
\P{InGreek}	Any character except one in the Greek block (negation)
[\p{L}&&![\p{Lu}]]	Any letter except an uppercase letter (subtraction)
<b>Boundary matchers</b>	
^	The beginning of a line
\$	The end of a line
\b	A word boundary
\B	A non-word boundary
\A	The beginning of the input
\G	The end of the previous match
\Z	The end of the input but for the final <a href="#">terminator</a> , if any
\z	The end of the input
<b>Greedy quantifiers</b>	
X?	X, once or not at all
X*	X, zero or more times
X+	X, one or more times
X{n}	X, exactly n times
X{n,}	X, at least n times
X{n,m}	X, at least n but not more than m times
<b>Reluctant quantifiers</b>	
X??	X, once or not at all
X*?	X, zero or more times
X+?	X, one or more times
X{n}?	X, exactly n times
X{n,}?	X, at least n times
X{n,m}?	X, at least n but not more than m times
<b>Possessive quantifiers</b>	
X?+	X, once or not at all
X*+	X, zero or more times
X++	X, one or more times
X{n}+	X, exactly n times
X{n,}+	X, at least n times
X{n,m}+	X, at least n but not more than m times
<b>Logical operators</b>	
XY	X followed by Y
X Y	Either X or Y

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<b>Characters</b>	
(X)	X, as a <a href="#">capturing group</a>
<b>Back references</b>	
\n	Whatever the $n^{\text{th}}$ <a href="#">capturing group</a> matched
<b>Quotation</b>	
\	Nothing, but quotes the following character
\Q	Nothing, but quotes all characters until \E
\E	Nothing, but ends quoting started by \Q
<b>Special constructs (non-capturing)</b>	
(?:X)	X, as a non-capturing group
(?idmsux-idmsux)	Nothing, but turns match flags on - off
(?idmsux-idmsux:X)	X, as a <a href="#">non-capturing group</a> with the given flags on - off
(?=X)	X, via zero-width positive lookahead
(?!X)	X, via zero-width negative lookahead
(?<=X)	X, via zero-width positive lookbehind
(?<!X)	X, via zero-width negative lookbehind
(?>X)	X, as an independent, non-capturing group

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