

Regular Expressions Cheat Sheet

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And	chors
٨	Start of string, or start of line in multi- line pattern
\A	Start of string
\$	End of string, or end of line in multi-line pattern
\Z	End of string
/b	Word boundary
\B	Not word boundary
\<	Start of word
\>	End of word

Character Classes		
/c	Control character	
\s	White space	
\S	Not white space	
\d	Digit	
\D	Not digit	
\w	Word	
\W	Not word	
\x	Hexadecimal digit	
\O	Octal digit	

POSIX	
[:upper:]	Upper case letters
[:lower:]	Lower case letters
[:alpha:]	All letters
[:alnum:]	Digits and letters
[:digit:]	Digits
[:xdigit:]	Hexadecimal digits
[:punct:]	Punctuation
[:blank:]	Space and tab
[:space:]	Blank characters
[:cntrl:]	Control characters
[:graph:]	Printed characters
[:print:]	Printed characters and spaces
[:word:]	Digits, letters and underscore

Assertions	
?=	Lookahead assertion
?!	Negative lookahead
?<=	Lookbehind assertion
?!= or ? </td <td>Negative lookbehind</td>	Negative lookbehind
?>	Once-only Subexpression
?()	Condition [if then]
?()	Condition [if then else]
?#	Comment

Qu	antifiers		
*	0 or more	{3}	Exactly 3
+	1 or more	{3,}	3 or more
?	0 or 1	{3,5}	3, 4 or 5
Add	d a ? to a quant	ifier to ma	ike it ungreedy.

Escape Sequences		
\	Escape following character	
\Q	Begin literal sequence	
\E	End literal sequence	
"Escaping" is a way of treating characters		

"Escaping" is a way of treating characters which have a special meaning in regular expressions literally, rather than as special characters.

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+)	I	?	
<	>			
The esc	cape charac	cter is usua	ılly \	

Special Characters		
\n	New line	
\r	Carriage return	
\t	Tab	
\v	Vertical tab	
\f	Form feed	
\xxx	Octal character xxx	
\xhh	Hex character hh	

Groups	and Ranges
	Any character except new line (\n)
(a b)	a or b
()	Group
(?:)	Passive (non-capturing) group
[abc]	Range (a or b or c)
[^abc]	Not (a or b or c)
[a-q]	Lower case letter from a to q
[A-Q]	Upper case letter from A to Q
[0-7]	Digit from 0 to 7
\x	Group/subpattern number "x"
Ranges	s are inclusive.

Patte	ern Modifiers
g	Global match
i *	Case-insensitive
m *	Multiple lines
s *	Treat string as single line
x *	Allow comments and whitespace in pattern
e *	Evaluate replacement
U *	Ungreedy pattern

* PCRE modifier

String	Replacement
\$n	nth non-passive group
\$2	"xyz" in /^(abc(xyz))\$/
\$1	"xyz" in /^(?:abc)(xyz)\$/
\$`	Before matched string
\$'	After matched string
\$+	Last matched string
\$&	Entire matched string
Some of \$.	e regex implementations use \ instead

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