

Special char NOT requiring escape	Special char requiring escape	Useful examples
<code>\</code> Escape next character	<code>\<</code> Beginning of a word	<code>:g/<pattern>/d_</code> delete all lines matching pattern
<code>^</code> Start-of-line	<code>\></code> End of word	<code>s/^\.*\$\n//</code> delete empty lines
<code>\$</code> End-of-line	<code>\(...\)</code> Group	<code>s/<pattern>/new &/</code> Replace pattern by "new <whole matched pattern>"
<code>.</code> Any char	<code>\ </code> Separate alternative	<code>s/<pattern>/content of register "a"/</code> Replace pattern by content of register "a"
<code>*</code> 0 or more quantifier	<code>_.</code> Any single char or end-of-line	<code>s/<pattern>/gn</code> Count nb occurrence of pattern
<code>~</code> Match last given substitute string	<code>\+</code> 1 or more quantifier	
<code>[...]</code> Match range	<code>\=</code> 0 or 1 quantifier	
<code>[^...]</code> Not range	<code>\?</code> or or 1 quantifier	
<code>&</code> In replacement: insert whole matched pattern	<code>\{n,m}</code> n to m quantifier	
Interpreted as regular expression operator without escaping (escape to match literal)	<code>\{n}</code> n quantifier	
	<code>\{n,}</code> at least n quantifier	
	<code>\{,m}</code> 0 to m quantifier	
	Interpreted as regular expression operators only when escaped (otherwise will be interpreted as literals).	
		Look around assertions
		<code>\@<=</code> positive look behind
		<code>\@<!</code> negative look behind
		<code>\@=</code> positive look ahead
		<code>\@!</code> negative look ahead
		Must follow a group matching what to look behind or ahead (ex: <code>\(<pattern>\)\@<=</code>)



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