

Regular Expression Symbols

Symbol	Meaning
\	Escape character
\$	End of input, and start of replacement pattern number
^	Matches beginning of input
*	Match 0 or more times
+	Match 1 or more times
?	Match 0 or 1 time
.	Any character
[adz]	Match one character in the set
[a-m]	Match one character in the set
[^adz]	Match any character but those in the set
\w	Match any word character
\W	Match any non-word character
\s	Match any white-space character
\d	Match any digit
\D	Match any non-digit
(x)	Match x and remember the match
\n	Match previously matched pattern number n
\$n	Matched pattern number n in replacement part
(? : x)	Match x but do not remember the match
x (? = y)	Match x if look ahead matches y
x (? ! y)	Match x if look ahead does not match y
x y	Match either x or y
{ n }	Match n times
{ n , m }	Match between n and m times inclusive
\b	Match word boundary
\B	Match non-word boundary