

Re: Get regular expression

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Mike wrote:

I have a regular expression (`^(.+)(?=\s*).*\1`) that results in matches. I would like to get what the actual regular expression is. In other words, when I apply `^(.+)(?=\s*).*\1` to "HEART (CONDUCTION DEFECT) 37.33/2 HEART (CONDUCTION DEFECT) WITH CATHETER 37.34/2 " the expression is "HEART (CONDUCTION DEFECT)". How do I gain access to the expression (not the matches) at runtime?

you want to access the expression "HEART (CONDUCTION DEFECT)" or the regex `^(.+)(?=\s*).*\1` at run-time?? dont think you can get exactly the latter one though, for the previous one, you can use named capture, like

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^(?<expr>.+)(?=\s*).*\k<expr>
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and access the variable "expr" at run time?

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