

Re: RegExp irregularity in JScript

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"Steve Fulton" wrote in message

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: From changing the minimum number of characters in the ".{4,8}" portion of
the

: pattern, it looks like the regular expression succeeds only if the *last
class*

: of characters (i.e. digits, lower case, upper case) in the string is at
least 4

: characters long. All three strings match if the pattern is ".{1,8}"; the
first

: two pass if it's ".{3,8}". What makes this behavior puzzling is if you
capture

: the pattern as a submatch (e.g. "(.{1,8})") the entire string is returned,
not

: just the end of the string!

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: This looks like a bug in Microsoft's regular expression implementation (it
fails

: in VBScript as well). I'd tell them about it but they've halted
development of

: ActiveX scripting, and since this isn't a security issue I doubt a fix
will be

: forthcoming.

I couldn't get the sub to work either.