Paul Van Delst wrote:

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> Tell me about it. I couldn't put it off any longer so I'm teaching myself how to use
> regular expressions via Jeff Friedl's "Mastering Regular Expressions". Cripes. Being an
> old vi user, I knew the stone cold basics, but now that regex's like
>   /\b([a-z]+)((?:\s|<[^>]+>)+)(\1\b)/
> start to make sense to me I'm beginning to get worried.... :o)

You haven't had real fun with regular expressions until you've written
a vi regular expression
to search for a vaguely remembered regular expression in a document
which describes how they work.