
Subject: stregex question

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I'd like to find the first "e" in a string that is not next to another "e"

The solution

```
stregex(s,"e[^e]|$") ;"e" followed by not "e" or at the end of the line
```

doesn't work for the string st = 'see me' because it will find the second "e" in "see"

The soluton

```
stregex(s,"e{1}") ;Find one occurrence of "e"  
also finds the first "e" in "see" (Two occurrences is also one occurrence)
```

In Perl it seems that one would use the "lookahead" option, but that doesn't seem to be available in stregex().

(Actually I am looking for the first quote that is not part of a double quote, but I wanted to keep the example syntax simple.)

Thanks, --Wayne
