
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
