

---

Subject: Re: stregex question

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Tue, 21 Jul 2009 17:58:39 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Mike,

```
> IDL> pos = stregex(s, '([^\e][^\e])|(^e[^\e])|(^e$)|([^\e]e$)')
> IDL> pos += strmid(s, pos, 1) ne 'e'
```

Thanks for the quick reply. For my own reference when I go back to google this answer, the above code is testing 4 possibilities

`[^\e][^\e]` - "e" surrounded by non-"e"

`(^e[^\e])` - "e" at beginning of string followed by non-"e"

`(^e$)` - Single character string with value "e"

`([^\e]e$)` - "e" at the end of the string preceded by a non-"e"

In the first and last case (testing a preceding character) one needs to add 1 to the position found. --Wayne

---