
Subject: Re: stregex fails to match underscore
Posted by [PMan](#) on Mon, 31 Mar 2014 20:34:50 GMT
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On Monday, March 31, 2014 4:26:23 PM UTC-4, Mike Galloy wrote:

> On 3/31/14, 2:12 PM, Paul Mallas wrote:

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>> I am trying to use stregex to match a filename. I am curious why, after the
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>> '([LLC|KGD|GFC|FFC])' portion of my search string, the first '_' does not match.

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>> For example:

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>> name = 'GDP1_XXX__KGD_RF.xml'
>
>> searchStr = '^G[DS]P1_XXX__([LLC|KGD|GFC|FFC])'
>
>> print, stregex(name, searchStr, /boolean) ; Match
>
>>
>
>> searchStr = '^G[DS]P1_XXX__([LLC|KGD|GFC|FFC])_'
>
>> print, stregex(name, searchStr, /boolean) ; Not Match

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>> Not sure why this happens. Anyone have any ideas?

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>> Thanks.

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> You want just alternation (parens), no character classes (square
>
> brackets) in the LLC|KGD|GFC|FFC choice:

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>
> IDL> searchStr = '^G[DS]P1_XXX__(LLC|KGD|GFC|FFC)_'

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> IDL> print, stregex(name, searchStr, /boolean) ; Not Match  
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Ah, yes. Works fine that way. From the documentation I was expecting to dump the () and keep the [], but it's the other way around.

Thanks to you both.
