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WhatIsRS - October 29, 2016, 5:05 pm

Need help with this string.

Pretty much I need to detect if this exact string exists, however the numbers can be anything.

How can i do this using regex? Thanks

PHP Code

```
<?php
string PageEnd = "{\"total\":335,\"items\":[ ]}";
```

Below doesn't work... but it's what im trying to do

PHP Code

```
<?php
Regex r = new Regex("{\"total\":\" + @"^\\d+ $" + ", \"items\":[ ]}");
if (r.Match(stringImComparing).Success)
{
//do stuff
}
```

Current work-around:

PHP Code

```
<?php
string PageEnd = "items\":[ ]}";
if (ReturnedHTML.Contains(PageEnd))
{
// Console.WriteLine("Found End Page");
MaxPage = k;
}
```

-SomE. - October 29, 2016, 5:45 pm

Code Try

```
If Regex.IsMatch( "{\\"total\\"":335,\\"items\\"":[ ]}",
"\\"total\\"":[^\n\r\";:\\"\\eimst}]{3},\\"items\\"":[^\\"\\}]" ) Then
    ' Successful match
Else
    ' Match attempt failed
End If
Catch ex As ArgumentException
    'Syntax error in the regular expression
End Try
```

WhatIsRS - October 29, 2016, 8:04 pm

(Oct 29, 2016 05:45 PM)-SomE. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Code Try

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End Try
Thanks ?

```

+Haze - October 30, 2016, 5:18 am

This isn't a task for regex mate, use a json deserializer to check or just use string#Contains to check if the two keys exists

Ninja - October 30, 2016, 9:38 am

JSON deserialization would be much better. Add a reference to System.Web.Extensions and then you can use the System.Web.Script.Serialization.JavaScriptSerializer class.

mrkoolaid - October 30, 2016, 9:54 am

pcrc php regex

Code ({[.]{2}total.{2}[:]\d{3}.{3}items.{3}[{}[]])
however i do suggest deserialization as well :)

Zilog80 - October 30, 2016, 10:10 am

(Oct 30, 2016 09:38 AM)Ninja Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) JSON deserialization would be much better. Add a reference to System.Web.Extensions and then you can use the System.Web.Script.Serialization.JavaScriptSerializer class.
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Or maybe both classes 'do the same' job? (serialize/deserialize JSON data)

PS: I've always used DataContractJsonSerializer class for JSON stuff.

Ninja - October 31, 2016, 7:51 pm

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I haven't used the latter that much and I am more familiar with the first. As far as advantages go I have no clue.

