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Thread: [Regular Expression Help](#)

Writz - September 19, 2017, 12:17 am

So basically what i need is an [expression](#) to be used in the search function in sublime text.

Expression reqs4 consecutive space characters (\s), to replace the selected with one tab

If there is a semicolon and it is followed by a character before the end of the line, to replace it with 7 tabs

Extra not necessary, Replace comments that start with two forward slashes to be like this /* comment */

Not sure if these are doable or not tho
if u wanna test it <https://regexr.com/>

I would really appreciate any help ?

Writz - September 20, 2017, 5:42 am

why is this in the visual basic and .NET framework, this is a regex that need help with, WTF, dumb fucking mod ??

is it cuz i added a Microsoft link ? they just offered a good explanation to the regex, im using regex in sublime text editor to edit code, I dont wanna say which language, cuz then u'll tell me to go there and ask them, you dumb fucking kid....

Owl - September 20, 2017, 12:16 pm

Some possibilities:

1. \s{4}/
2. /;\s*/
3. /\s*(.*)\$/m (capture group 1)

Writz - September 21, 2017, 8:05 pm

(Sep 20, 2017 12:16 PM)Orka Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Some possibilities:

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2. /;\s+?\$/m
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Thank you so much for replying, but the first one worked on tabs and spaces, and also worked for less than 4 spaces, 2nd and 3rd didnt work at all, im using this [website](#) to test them tho

0xDEAD10CC - September 21, 2017, 11:18 pm

Then type a space instead of \s because \s includes other whitespace, which would include '\n'.

Owl - September 22, 2017, 3:08 am

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What input are you testing against? I made a couple of adjustments to the expressions above.

0xDEAD10CC - September 22, 2017, 8:23 am

(Sep 22, 2017 03:08 AM)Orka Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What input are you testing against? I made a couple of adjustments to the expressions above.

Orka - \s means space, but just as much as "whitespace". If he wants to exclude tabs and such you can't use this.

Barret - September 22, 2017, 8:26 am

(Sep 22, 2017 08:23 AM)0xDEAD10CC Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Orka - \s means space, but just as much as "whitespace". If he wants to exclude tabs and such you can't use this.

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Owl - September 22, 2017, 10:09 am

(Sep 22, 2017 08:23 AM)0xDEAD10CC Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Orka - \s means space, but just as much as "whitespace". If he wants to exclude tabs and such you can't use this. (Sep 22, 2017 08:26 AM)

Barret Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah this confuses many, they assume space is space and not a tab or crlf's, but they are treated the same.

From his requests it seems he was attempting a parser for code, so I went with \s to account for all forms of whitespace.

System[X] - September 22, 2017, 12:10 pm

try using the + key for more than 1 like (s+), this will do 1 space or many. also (\n) for a single new line or (\n+) for many

Thanks

Writz - September 23, 2017, 9:36 am

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20 is the hex code for 'space', 09 is the hex code for tab.

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System[X] - September 23, 2017, 9:57 am

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Show us what you want, the string and we will give you the best regex for it.

Thanks

0xDEAD10CC - September 23, 2017, 2:06 pm

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I already just told you this, and you don't need the hex escape character, you can just use a space...