

# Package ‘re2r’

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get\_expression\_size    *Get pre-compiled regular expression program size*

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### Description

Returns the program size, a very approximate measure of a regexp's "cost". Larger numbers are more expensive than smaller numbers.

### Usage

```
get_expression_size(pattern, ...)
```

**Arguments**

pattern            a pre-compiled regular expression or a string  
 ...                further arguments passed to [re2](#)

**Value**

a integer

**Examples**

```
get_expression_size(re2("1"))
get_expression_size(re2("(1)"))
get_expression_size(re2("(?:(?:(?:?:{100})*)+)"))
```

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get\_named\_groups            *Return capturing names for a pre-compiled regular expression.*

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**Description**

Return capturing names.

**Usage**

```
get_named_groups(pattern, ...)
```

**Arguments**

pattern            a pre-compiled regular expression or a string  
 ...                further arguments passed to [re2](#)

**Value**

capturing names

**Examples**

```
get_named_groups(re2("(a)(?P<name>b)"))

regexp = re2("(?P<A>exprA(?P<B>exprB)(?P<C>exprC))((expr5)(?P<D>exprD))")

print(regexp)
(res = get_named_groups(regexp))
re2_match("exprAexprBexprCexpr5exprD", regexp)
```

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get\_number\_of\_groups    *Return the number of capturing subpatterns*

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### Description

Return the number of capturing subpatterns, or -1 if the regexp wasn't valid on construction. The overall match (\$0) does not count: if the regexp is "(a)(b)", returns 2.

### Usage

```
get_number_of_groups(pattern, ...)
```

### Arguments

pattern	a pre-compiled regular expression or a string
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

### Value

a integer

### Examples

```
regexp = re2("1")
get_number_of_groups(regexp)

get_number_of_groups(re2("(?P<a>123)(12)"))

# uncaptured groups
get_number_of_groups(re2("(?:(?:(?:?:(?:?:..?){100})*)+)"))
```

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get\_options                    *Get options of a pre-compiled regular expression*

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### Description

Returns options of a pre-compiled regular expression

### Usage

```
get_options(pattern, ...)
```

### Arguments

pattern	a pre-compiled regular expression or a string
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

**Value**

an list

**Examples**

```
get_options(re2("test"))
```

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<code>get_pattern</code>	<i>The string specification for this RE2.</i>
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**Description**

The string specification for this RE2.

**Usage**

```
get_pattern(pattern, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>pattern</code>	a pre-compiled regular expression or a string
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

**Value**

a string

**Examples**

```
regexp = re2("1")  
get_pattern(regexp)  
  
get_pattern(re2("^(?P<abc>abc)a"))
```

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<code>get_program_fanout</code>	<i>Get program fanout</i>
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**Description**

Return the program fanout as a histogram bucketed by powers of 2.

**Usage**

```
get_program_fanout(pattern, ...)
```

**Arguments**

pattern            a pre-compiled regular expression or a string  
 ...                further arguments passed to `re2`

**Examples**

```
re1 = re2("(?:(?:?:(?:?:(?:?:.?)?){1})*)+")
re10 = re2("(?:(?:?:(?:?:(?:?:.?)?){10})*)+")
re100 = re2("(?:(?:?:(?:?:(?:?:.?)?){100})*)+")
re1000 = re2("(?:(?:?:(?:?:(?:?:.?)?){1000})*)+")

get_program_fanout(re1)
get_program_fanout(re10)
get_program_fanout(re100)
get_program_fanout(re1000)
```

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get\_simplify            *Simplify pattern strings.*

---

**Description**

Simplify pattern strings.

**Usage**

```
get_simplify(pattern, ...)
```

**Arguments**

pattern            a pre-compiled regular expression or a string  
 ...                further arguments passed to `re2`

**Examples**

```
get_simplify("a{1}")
get_simplify("a{3}b+(?:abc(a))")
get_simplify("a{2,3}a{2}")
get_simplify(re2("1+2", literal = TRUE))
get_pattern(re2("1+2", literal = TRUE))
```

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is_re2c_na	<i>Check NA pattern</i>
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**Description**

Returns whether a pre-compiled regular expression is NA.

**Usage**

```
is_re2c_na(pattern, ...)
```

**Arguments**

pattern	a pre-compiled regular expression or a string
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

**Value**

a boolean

**Examples**

```
is_re2c_na(re2(NA))
```

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print.re2c	<i>Print information about a pre-compiled regular expression</i>
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**Description**

Print information about a pre-compiled regular expression

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 're2c'
print(x, options = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a pre-compiled regular expression
options	print options
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Examples**

```
re2("(.*)([^\.]*)")
re2("(?P<name>sd)")
print(re2("sd"), options = TRUE)
```

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```
print.re2_matrix      Print information about a re2_matrix
```

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**Description**

Print information about a re2\_matrix

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 're2_matrix'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
x          an re2_matrix
...        further arguments passed to or from other methods.
```

**Examples**

```
print(re2_match(".*", "abc"))
```

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```
quote_meta      Escapes all potentially meaningful regexp characters in 'unquoted'.
```

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**Description**

The returned string, used as a regular expression, will exactly match the original string.

**Usage**

```
quote_meta(unquoted, parallel = FALSE, grain_size = 1e+05)
```

**Arguments**

```
unquoted    unquoted string
parallel    multithreading support
grain_size  a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms.
```

**Value**

quoted string

**Examples**

```
quote_meta(c("1.2", "abc"))
re2_detect("1+2", "1+2")
re2_detect("1+2", quote_meta("1+2"))
re2_detect("1+2", re2("1+2", literal = TRUE))
```



re2

*Create a pre-compiled regular expression***Description**

Create a pre-compiled regular expression from a string.

**Usage**

```
re2(pattern, utf_8 = TRUE, case_sensitive = TRUE, posix_syntax = FALSE,
     dot_nl = FALSE, literal = FALSE, longest_match = FALSE,
     never_nl = FALSE, never_capture = FALSE, one_line = FALSE,
     perl_classes = FALSE, word_boundary = FALSE, log_error = FALSE,
     max_mem = 8388608, simplify = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

pattern	regular expression pattern
utf_8	(true) text and pattern are UTF-8; otherwise Latin-1
case_sensitive	(true) match is case-sensitive (regex can override with (?i) unless in posix_syntax mode)
posix_syntax	(false) restrict regexps to POSIX egrep syntax
dot_nl	(false) dot matches everything including new line
literal	(false) interpret string as literal, not regexp
longest_match	(false) search for longest match, not first match
never_nl	(false) never match \n, even if it is in regexp
never_capture	(false) parse all parens as non-capturing
one_line	(false) ^ and \$ only match beginning and end of text, when posix_syntax == false this features are always enabled
perl_classes	(false) allow Perl's \d \s \w \D \S \W, when posix_syntax == false this features are always enabled
word_boundary	(false) allow Perl's \b \B (word boundary and not), when posix_syntax == false this features are always enabled
log_error	(false) log syntax and execution errors
max_mem	(see details) approx. max memory footprint of RE2
simplify	(true) return a object instead of a list when pattern length is 1.

**Details**

The `max_mem` option controls how much memory can be used to hold the compiled form of the regexp (the Prog) and its cached DFA graphs.

Once a DFA fills its budget, it flushes its cache and starts over. If this happens too often, RE2 falls back on the NFA implementation.

For now, make the default budget something close to Code Search.

Default `maxmem` =  $8 \ll 20 = 8388608$ ;

**Value**

a pre-compiled regular expression

**Examples**

```

regexp = re2("test")
regexp

re2_match("abc\ndef", "(?s)(.*)")
re2_match("abc\ndef", re2("(?s)(.*)", never_nl = TRUE))

re2_detect("\n", re2(".", dot_nl = TRUE))
re2_detect("\n", ".")

get_number_of_groups(re2("(A)(v)", never_capture = TRUE))

re2_match("aaabaaaa", re2("(a|aaa)", longest_match = TRUE))
re2_match("aaabaaaa", re2("(a|aaa)", longest_match = FALSE))

re2_match("a+b", re2("a+b", literal = TRUE))

re2_detect("abc" , re2("abc", posix_syntax = TRUE))
re2("(?P<name>re)")

## Not run:

expect_error(re2("(?P<name>re)", posix_syntax = TRUE))

## End(Not run)

```

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re2\_count

*Count the number of matches in a string.*


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**Description**

Count the number of matches in a string. Vectorised over strings and patterns.

**Usage**

```
re2_count(string, pattern, anchor = UNANCHORED, parallel = FALSE,
          grain_size = 1e+05, ...)
```

**Arguments**

string	a character vector
pattern	a character vector or pre-compiled regular expressions
anchor	see <a href="#">UNANCHORED</a>

parallel	use multithread
grain_size	a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

**Value**

An integer vector.

**Examples**

```
re2_count("one", "(o.e)")
re2_count("123-234-2222", "\\d\\d\\d-\\d\\d\\d-\\d\\d\\d\\d")

words = c("sunny", "beach", "happy", "really")
re2_count(words, "y")
re2_count(words, "^b")
re2_count(words, "[abc]")

# vectorize
re2_count("This", letters)
```

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re2_detect	<i>Test a pattern in strings, and return boolean.</i>
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**Description**

Test a pattern in strings, and return boolean. Vectorised over strings and patterns.

**Usage**

```
re2_detect(string, pattern, anchor = UNANCHORED, parallel = FALSE,
  grain_size = 1e+05, ...)
```

**Arguments**

string	a character vector
pattern	a character vector or pre-compiled regular expressions
anchor	see <a href="#">UNANCHORED</a>
parallel	use multithread
grain_size	a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

**Value**

A logical vector.

**Examples**

```

re2_detect("one", "(o.e)")
re2_detect("123-234-2222", "\\d\\d\\d-\\d\\d\\d-\\d\\d\\d\\d")

words = c("sunny", "beach", "happy", "really")
re2_detect(words, "y")
re2_detect(words, "^b")
re2_detect(words, "[abc]")

# vectorize
(res = re2_detect("This", letters))
letters[res]

letters[re2_detect("This", letters, case_sensitive = FALSE)]

letters[re2_detect("This", re2(letters, case_sensitive = FALSE))]

# In stringi, "" empty search patterns return NA.
# In re2r, empty search patterns will match
# empty string.

re2_detect("abc", "")
stringi::stri_detect("abc", regex = "")

```

---

re2\_extract

*Extract matching patterns from a string.*


---

**Description**

Extract matching patterns from a string. Vectorised over string and pattern.

**Usage**

```

re2_extract(string, pattern, anchor = UNANCHORED, parallel = FALSE,
            grain_size = 1e+05, ...)

re2_extract_all(string, pattern, anchor = UNANCHORED, parallel = FALSE,
                grain_size = 1e+05, ...)

```

**Arguments**

string	a character vector
pattern	a character vector or pre-compiled regular expressions
anchor	see <a href="#">UNANCHORED</a>
parallel	use multithread
grain_size	a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

**Value**

A character vector for `re2_extract`, and a list for `re2_extract_all`.

**See Also**

`re2_match` to extract matched groups.

**Examples**

```
re2_extract("yabba dabba doo", "(.)")
re2_extract_all("yabba dabba doo", "(.)")

str <- c("Aster", "Azalea x2", "Baby's Breath", "Bellflower")
re2_extract(str, "\\d")
re2_extract(str, "[a-z]+")
re2_extract(str, "\\b\\w{1,3}\\b")

# Extract all matches
re2_extract_all(str, "[A-Za-z]+")
re2_extract_all(str, "\\b\\w{1,3}\\b")
re2_extract_all(str, "\\d")
```

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re2\_locate

*Locate the position of patterns in a string.*


---

**Description**

Locate the position of patterns in a string. If the match is of length 0, (e.g. from a special match like \$) end will be one character less than start. Vectorised over string and pattern.

**Usage**

```
re2_locate(string, pattern, parallel = FALSE, grain_size = 1e+05, ...)
```

```
re2_locate_all(string, pattern, parallel = FALSE, grain_size = 1e+05, ...)
```

**Arguments**

string	a character vector
pattern	a character vector or pre-compiled regular expressions
parallel	use multithread
grain_size	a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms
...	further arguments passed to <code>re2</code>

**Value**

For `re2_locate`, an integer matrix. First column gives start position of match, and second column gives end position. For `re2_locate_all` a list of integer matrices.

**Examples**

```
re2_locate("yabba dabba doo", "d")

fruit <- c("apple", "banana", "pear", "pineapple")
re2_locate(fruit, "$")
re2_locate(fruit, "a")
re2_locate(fruit, "e")
re2_locate(fruit, c("a", "b", "p", "p"))

re2_locate_all(fruit, "a")
re2_locate_all(fruit, "e")
re2_locate_all(fruit, c("a", "b", "p", "p"))

# Find location of every character
re2_locate_all(fruit, "\\P{M}")
```

---

re2\_match

*Find matched groups from strings.*


---

**Description**

Find matched groups from strings.

**Usage**

```
re2_match(string, pattern, anchor = UNANCHORED, parallel = FALSE,
  grain_size = 1e+05, ...)

re2_match_all(string, pattern, anchor = UNANCHORED, parallel = FALSE,
  grain_size = 1e+05, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>string</code>	a character vector
<code>pattern</code>	a character vector or pre-compiled regular expressions
<code>anchor</code>	see <a href="#">UNANCHORED</a>
<code>parallel</code>	use multithread
<code>grain_size</code>	a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

**Value**

For `re2_match`, a character matrix. First column is the complete match, followed by one column for each capture group with names.

For `re2_match_all`, a list of character matrices.

**Examples**

```
strings <- c("Gym: 627-112-1433", "Apple x2",
            "888 888 8888", "This is a test.",
            "627-112-1433 223-343-2232")
phone <- "([2-9][0-9]{2})[- .](?P<second>[0-9]{3})[- .]([0-9]{4})"
re2_extract(strings, phone)
re2_match(strings, phone)

re2_extract_all(strings, phone)
re2_match_all(strings, phone)

regexp = re2("test", case_sensitive = FALSE)
re2_match("TEST", regexp)

# differences from stringi

# This kind of repeating capturing group works differently.
re2_match("aasd", "(a*)+")
stringi::stri_match("aasd", regex = "(a*)+")

# In stringi, "" empty search patterns return NA.
# In re2r, empty search patterns will match
# empty string.

re2_match("abc", "")
stringi::stri_match("abc", regex = "")

dates <- c("2008-08-08", "2020", "a string",
          "12-12-72", "1989-06-30", "2115-11-21 09:21")
pattern <- "([0-9]{4})-([0-1][0-9])-([0-3][0-9])"
re2_match(dates, pattern)

pattern <- "(?P<y>[0-9]{4})-(?P<m>[0-1][0-9])-(?P<d>[0-3][0-9])"
(res = re2_match(dates, pattern))
res$y
res$m
res$d

pattern <- paste0(
  "(?P<first>[A-Z][a-z]+) ",
  "(?P<last>[A-Z][a-z]+)"
)
texts <- c(
  " Taylor Swift and Lady Gaga",
  "One Direction hit the road agains"
```

```

)
re2_match_all(texts, pattern)

texts = c("pi is 3.14529..",
         "-15.34 F",
         "128 days",
         "1.9e10",
         "123,340.00$",
         "only texts")
(number_pattern = re2(".*?(?P<number>-?\\d+(,\\d+)*(\\d+(e\\d+)?)?.*?"))

(res = re2_match(texts, number_pattern))
res$number

# show_regex(number_pattern)

```

---

re2\_replace

*Replace matched patterns in a string.*


---

### Description

Replace the the first match or all matches of pattern in string with replacement.

### Usage

```
re2_replace(string, pattern, replacement, parallel = FALSE,
            grain_size = 1e+05, ...)
```

```
re2_replace_all(string, pattern, replacement, parallel = FALSE,
                grain_size = 1e+05, ...)
```

### Arguments

string	a character vector
pattern	a pre-compiled regular expression or a string
replacement	replace the first match or all of the match of pattern in string with "rewrite"
parallel	use multithread
grain_size	a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">re2</a>

### Details

Within replacement, backslash-escaped digits (\1 to \9) can be used to insert text matching corresponding parenthesized group from the pattern. \0 in replacement refers to the entire matching text.

Vectorised over strings, patterns and replacements.



**Value**

For `re2_replace`, a character vector. For `re2_replace_all`, a character vector with the number of replacements.

**Examples**

```
# replace one or more b, prefer more
regexp = re2("b+")
re2_replace_all("yabba dabba doo", regexp, "d")
re2_replace("yabba dabba doo", "b+", "d")

# trim string
pattern = "^\\s+|\\s+$"
re2_replace_all(c(" abc ", " this is "), pattern, "")

# mask the middle three digits of a US phone number
texts = c("415-555-1234",
          "650-555-2345",
          "(416)555-3456",
          "202 555 4567",
          "4035555678",
          "1 416 555 9292")

us_phone_pattern = re2("(1?[\\s-]?\\((?\\d{3}\\))?[\\s-]?)(\\d{3})([\\s-]?\\d{4})")

re2_replace(texts, us_phone_pattern, "\\1***\\3")

# show_regex(us_phone_pattern)
```

---

re2\_split

*Split a string into pieces.*


---

**Description**

Split a string into pieces. Vectorised over string and pattern.

**Usage**

```
re2_split(string, pattern, n = Inf, parallel = FALSE, grain_size = 10000,
  ...)
```

```
re2_split_fixed(string, pattern, n, parallel = FALSE, grain_size = 10000,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

string	a character vector
pattern	a character vector or pre-compiled regular expressions
n	number of pieces to return. Default (Inf) for <code>re2_split</code> uses all possible split positions. For <code>re2_split_fixed</code> , if n is greater than the number of pieces, the result will be padded with empty strings.
parallel	use multithread
grain_size	a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms
...	further arguments passed to <code>re2</code>

**Value**

For `re2_split_fixed`, a character matrix with n columns.

For `re2_split`, a list of character vectors.

**Examples**

```
re2_split("yabba dabba doo", " ")
re2_split_fixed(c("yabba dabba doo", "a bc"), " ", 2)
```

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re2_subset	<i>Keep strings matching a pattern.</i>
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**Description**

This is a convenient wrapper around `x[re2_detect(x, pattern)]`. Vectorised over strings and patterns.

**Usage**

```
re2_subset(string, pattern, anchor = 0, omit_na = TRUE, parallel = FALSE,
  grain_size = 1e+05, ...)
```

**Arguments**

string	a character vector
pattern	a character vector or pre-compiled regular expressions
anchor	see <code>UNANCHORED</code>
omit_na	omit na result
parallel	use multithread
grain_size	a minimum chunk size for tuning the behavior of parallel algorithms
...	further arguments passed to <code>re2</code>

**Value**

A character vector.

**Examples**

```
fruit <- c("apple", "banana", "pear", "pinapple")
re2_subset(fruit, "a")
re2_subset(fruit, "^a")
re2_subset(fruit, "a$")
re2_subset(fruit, "b")
re2_subset(fruit, "[aeiou]")

re2_subset(c("a", NA, "b"), ".")
```

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show\_regex

*Show regex pattern in a htmlwidget*


---

**Description**

Show JS-style regex pattern in an htmlwidget.

**Usage**

```
show_regex(pattern, width = NULL, height = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

pattern	a pattern string
width	the widget width
height	the widget height

**Details**

Most parts of RE2 regex syntax are supported, except for some special Unicode character classes.

**See Also**

<https://regexper.com/documentation.html>

**Examples**

```
# Skip on CRAN

## Not run:

# US ZIP code

show_regex("[0-9]{5}(?:-[0-9]{4})?")
```

```
# Email
show_regex("\\b[a-zA-Z0-9._%~]+@[a-zA-Z0-9.-]+\\. [a-zA-Z]{2,4}\\b")

# Hex value
show_regex("#?([a-f0-9]{6}|[a-f0-9]{3})")

## End(Not run)
```

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sub_string	<i>Extract and replace substrings from a character vector.</i>
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### Description

sub\_string extracts substrings under code point-based index ranges provided. sub\_string<- allows to substitute parts of a string with given strings.

### Usage

```
sub_string(string, from = 1L, to = -1L)

sub_string(string, from = 1L, to = -1L) <- value
```

### Arguments

string	input character vector.
from	an integer vector or a two-column matrix. from gives the position of the first character (defaults to first). Negative values count backwards from the last character.
to	an integer vector. to gives the position of the last (defaults to last character).
value	replacement string

### Value

A character vector of substring from start to end (inclusive). Will be length of longest input argument.

### See Also

The underlying implementation in [stri\\_sub](#)

**Examples**

```

sub_string("test", 1, 2)

x <- "ABC"

(sub_string(x, 1, 1) <- "A")
x
(sub_string(x, -2, -2) <- "HIJ")
x
(sub_string(x, 2, -2) <- "")
x

```

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UNANCHORED

*anchors for pattern*


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**Description**

Anchors for regular expression pattern string.

**Usage**

```

UNANCHORED

ANCHOR_START

ANCHOR_BOTH

```

**Format**

An object of class `numeric` of length 1.

**Details**

```

UNANCHORED - No anchoring
ANCHOR_START - Anchor at start only
ANCHOR_BOTH - Anchor at start and end

```

**Examples**

```

re2_match("This is an apple.", "(is)", anchor = ANCHOR_BOTH)
re2_match("This is an apple.", "(is)", anchor = UNANCHORED)
re2_match("This is an apple.", "(is)", anchor = ANCHOR_START)
re2_match("This is an apple.", "(This)", anchor = ANCHOR_START)
re2_match("This is an apple.", "(This)", anchor = ANCHOR_BOTH)

```

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\$.re2_matrix	<i>Get a match group</i>
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**Description**

Get a match group

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 're2_matrix'  
self$group
```

**Arguments**

self	re2_matrix
group	group name

**Examples**

```
text = c("this is test",  
        "this is test, and this is not test",  
        "they are tests")  
res = re2_match(  
  string = text,  
  pattern = "(?P<testname>this)( is)"  
)  
class(res)  
is.matrix(res)  
is.character(res)  
print(res)  
res$testname  
res$.match  
res$.2`  
res[, ".2"]  
res[, ".match"]  
res[, "testname"]
```

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