



# EXTENDED EXAMPLES

Numbered Groups

Matcher Objects

The `regex_replace` Function



# GROUPS

## ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- May be a constant or a variable
- Recursively formed by combining with operators
- Grouped with parentheses and treated as a whole

## REGULAR EXPRESSIONS

- **(r)**
  - Called a capturing or numbered group
  - Captures or saves matching text
- **(?:r)**
  - Non-capturing, non-numbered group
  - Consumes but does not save matching text
- Grouped expressions are treated as a whole



## ADDING NUMBERED GROUPS

```
string re = "([Dd]eposit|[1-9][0-9]*):[^:]+:[^:]+:\\\\d*\\.\\.\\d{2}";  
if (! regex_match(entry, regex(re)))  
    continue;
```

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```
smatch m;  
string re = "([Dd]eposit|[1-9][0-9]*):([^:]+):([^:]*):(\\\\d*\\.\\.\\d{2})";  
  
if (! regex_match(entry, m, regex(re) ))  
    continue;
```



## DATA EXTRACTION WITH smatch AND NUMBERED GROUPS

```
smatch m;  
string re = "([Dd]eposit|[1-9][0-9]*):([^:]+):([^:]*):(\\d*\\.\\d{2})";  
  
if (! regex_match(entry, m, regex(re) ))  
    continue;  
  
string type = m[1];  
string date = m[2];  
string to = m[3];  
double amount = stod(m[4]);
```



## NESTED & NON-CAPTURING GROUPS

- $((r_1)\{m,n\})(?: (r_2)?) ((?: r_3)\{n\}) (((r_4)))$ 
  - RE number capturing groups left to right in the order of the opening parenthesis
  - RE do not number non-capturing groups
  - There isn't a syntactic limit to how deeply RE can nest groups
  - The  $r$ 's are regular expressions



## REGULAR EXPRESSION GROUPS EXAMPLE

a                      b                      c                      d                      e                      f                      g

"(?:\(\)?((\d){3})(?:\))?[ -\.\d]?((\d){3})[ -\.\d]?((\d){4})"

- (123) 456-7890
  - 123-456-7890
  - 123 456 7890
  - 123.456.7890
  - 1234567890
- a. 0 or 1 opening parenthesis; no groups
  - b. 3 digits; groups 1 and 2
  - c. 0 or 1 closing parenthesis; no groups
  - d. 0 or 1 space, dash, or period; no groups
  - e. 3 digits; groups 3 and 4
  - f. 0 or 1 space, dash, or period; no groups
  - g. 4 digits; groups 5 and 6



## CONSISTENT DATA FORMATS

```
if (regex_match(phone, regex("^$|^#.*")))
    continue;

string re = "(?:\\(\\)?((\\d){3})(?:\\(\\)?[ -\\.]?((\\d){3})[ -\\.]?((\\d){4}))";
string format = "($1) $3-$5";

if (regex_match(phone, regex(re)))
    cout << regex_replace(phone, regex(re), format) << endl;
else
    cerr << "Unsupported format: " << phone << endl;
```