

.	Single character wildcar	s...r
\	Escape character	\.
^	The line must start with	^c
[]	Any single character in the brackets	[ch]
[^]	NOT any of the single characters in the brackets	[^ch]
\$	The line ends with	s\$
*	The preceding character can occur zero or more times	colou*r
?	The preceding character can occur zero or one time ¹	colou?r
+	The preceding character can occur one or more times ¹	colou+r
	OR operator ¹	chips salsa
[-]	Range	[A-Z0-9]

¹ – Extended regular expression requires the -E option

<code>[:alpha:]</code>	Alphabetic characters
<code>[:digit:]</code>	Numeric characters
<code>[:alnum:]</code>	Alphanumeric characters
<code>[:lower:]</code>	Lower-case alphabetic characters
<code>[:upper:]</code>	Upper-case alphabetic characters
<code>[:punct:]</code>	Punctuation characters
<code>[:space:]</code>	Space characters (space, tab, new line)
<code>[:blank:]</code>	White-space characters
<code>[:print:]</code>	Printable characters, including space
<code>[graph:]</code>	Printable characters, not including space
<code>[:cntrl:]</code>	Control characters (non-printing)
<code>[:xdigit:]</code>	Hexadecimal characters (0-9, A-F, a-f)