

**NAME**

PCRE2 - Perl-compatible regular expressions (revised API)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <pcre2.h>
```

```
int pcre2_get_error_message(int errorcode, PCRE2_UCHAR *buffer,  
    PCRE2_SIZE bufflen);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This function provides a textual error message for each PCRE2 error code. Compilation errors are positive numbers; UTF formatting errors and matching errors are negative numbers. The arguments are:

*errorcode* an error code (positive or negative)  
*buffer* where to put the message  
*bufflen* the length of the buffer (code units)

The function returns the length of the message in code units, excluding the trailing zero, or the negative error code PCRE2\_ERROR\_NOMEMORY if the buffer is too small. In this case, the returned message is truncated (but still with a trailing zero). If *errorcode* does not contain a recognized error code number, the negative value PCRE2\_ERROR\_BADDATA is returned.

There is a complete description of the PCRE2 native API in the **pcre2api** page and a description of the POSIX API in the **pcre2posix** page.