NAME

PCRE - Perl-compatible regular expressions

SYNOPSIS

#include <pcre.h>

DESCRIPTION

This function matches a compiled regular expression that has been successfully studied with one of the JIT options against a given subject string, using a matching algorithm that is similar to Perl's. It is a "fast path" interface to JIT, and it bypasses some of the sanity checks that **pcre_exec()** applies. It returns offsets to captured substrings. Its arguments are:

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code
          Points to the compiled pattern
          Points to an associated pcre[16|32]_extra structure,
extra
         or is NULL
subject
          Points to the subject string
          Length of the subject string, in bytes
length
startoffset Offset in bytes in the subject at which to
         start matching
options
           Option bits
           Points to a vector of ints for result offsets
ovector
           Number of elements in the vector (a multiple of 3)
ovecsize
          Pointer to a JIT stack
istack
```

The allowed options are:

PCRE NOTBOL Subject string is not the beginning of a line PCRE NOTEOL Subject string is not the end of a line PCRE NOTEMPTY An empty string is not a valid match PCRE_NOTEMPTY_ATSTART An empty string at the start of the subject is not a valid match PCRE NO UTF16 CHECK Do not check the subject for UTF-16 validity (only relevant if PCRE_UTF16 was set at compile time) PCRE NO UTF32 CHECK Do not check the subject for UTF-32 validity (only relevant if PCRE_UTF32 was set at compile time) PCRE_NO_UTF8_CHECK Do not check the subject for UTF-8 validity (only relevant if PCRE UTF8 was set at compile time)

PCRE_PARTIAL) Return PCRE_ERROR_PARTIAL for a partial PCRE_PARTIAL_SOFT) match if no full matches are found PCRE_PARTIAL_HARD Return PCRE_ERROR_PARTIAL for a partial match if that is found before a full match

However, the PCRE_NO_UTF[8|16|32]_CHECK options have no effect, as this check is never applied. For details of partial matching, see the **pcrepartial** page. A **pcre_extra** structure contains the following fields:

flags Bits indicating which fields are set

study_data Opaque data from pcre[16|32]_study()

match_limit Limit on internal resource use

match_limit_recursion Limit on internal recursion depth

callout_data Opaque data passed back to callouts

tables Points to character tables or is NULL

mark For passing back a *MARK pointer

executable_jit Opaque data from JIT compilation

The flag bits are PCRE_EXTRA_STUDY_DATA, PCRE_EXTRA_MATCH_LIMIT, PCRE_EXTRA_MATCH_LIMIT_RECURSION, PCRE_EXTRA_CALLOUT_DATA, PCRE_EXTRA_TABLES, PCRE_EXTRA_MARK and PCRE_EXTRA_EXECUTABLE_JIT.

There is a complete description of the PCRE native API in the **pcreapi** page and a description of the JIT API in the **pcrejit** page.