

Using Regular Expressions

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RegEx (regular expression) patterns are a standard type of coding used to match text.

In DocBoss, you can use RegEx to parse card metadata from the file names when using the [Bulk Processing](#) and [Create Cards and Match](#) features.

Formatting patterns

Common examples

- `</^[^_]*>` - take first part before first "_" for ex `123_456_789`
- `</[^_]*$>` - take last part, for ex `1_23_45_67`
- `</_(.*)_>` - take the middle, for ex `1_23_45_67` or you can replace "_" with "-" for the expressions above
- for example `</^[^-*]*>` - take first part before first "-" for ex `123-456-789`
- `</.*>` - takes all text (file name)

Include plain text

- To use the entire file name (without the extension) in a RegEx field, enter only the following text: `./.*>`
- To output plain text at the beginning of the value, use the following format: `YourText</.*>`
- To output plain text at the beginning of the value, use the following format: `</.*>YourText`
- To output plain text in the middle of the value, use the following format: `</.*>YourText</.*>`

Advanced

- There is lots of information online about formatting regular expressions. For example, see [this guide from MDN Web Docs](#).
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