

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**
- `</^(.*)_/>` - takes the first part before the last "_" for ex **123_456_789**
- `</[^_]*$/>` - take last part, for ex **1_23_45_67**
- `</_(.*)_/>` - take the middle, for ex **1_23_45_67**
- `</.*>` - takes all text (file name)



Using RegEx patterns for doc no. (see article: [Create Cards and Match](#)):

It is not recommended to include symbols in the doc no. that are also used separately in the file name.

To create the doc no., the underscore "_" in the RegEx patterns above can be replaced with another symbol (e.g., a dash "-").

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](#).