

Regular Expressions in Arboreal

Arboreal allows for regular expression searches, using the syntax of **Perl 5.003** regular expressions. The regular expression library used is [Jakarta ORO](#).

A summary of the regular expression syntax is available in the [API documentation](#).

A note on parenthesized groups

If a regular expression contains **at least one** parenthesized group, Arboreal will highlight in the search results **only** the contents of the parenthesized groups. E.g., a search for `([Tt]his).*?(sentence)` will produce results such as the following:

This short sentence illustrates the point.

This feature allows one easily to construct searches, the results of which can be dragged onto a term in the term editor to add instances.

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