Character	Meaning
c	any non-special character c matches itself
\c	turn off special meaning of character c
^	beginning of line
$	end of line
.	any single character
:a	any alphabetical character [a-z|A-Z]
:d	any digit [0-9]
:n	any alphanumeric character [a-z|A-Z|0-9]
:<space>	A colon followed by a space also matches any punctuation character
[…]	any one of the characters in …; ranges such as a-z are legal
[^…]	any single character not in …; ranges are legal
s*	zero or more occurrences of string s
s+	one or more occurrences of string s
st	string s followed by string t

Wildcards