

NAME

PCRE - Perl-compatible regular expressions

SYNOPSIS

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#include <pcre.h>
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int pcre_copy_substring(const char *subject, int *ovector,
    int stringcount, int stringnumber, char *buffer,
    int buffersize);
```

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int pcre16_copy_substring(PCRE_SPTR16 subject, int *ovector,
    int stringcount, int stringnumber, PCRE_UCHAR16 *buffer,
    int buffersize);
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int pcre32_copy_substring(PCRE_SPTR32 subject, int *ovector,
    int stringcount, int stringnumber, PCRE_UCHAR32 *buffer,
    int buffersize);
```

DESCRIPTION

This is a convenience function for extracting a captured substring into a given buffer. The arguments are:

subject Subject that has been successfully matched
ovector Offset vector that **pcre[16|32]_exec()** used
stringcount Value returned by **pcre[16|32]_exec()**
stringnumber Number of the required substring
buffer Buffer to receive the string
buffersize Size of buffer

The yield is the length of the string, PCRE_ERROR_NOMEMORY if the buffer was too small, or PCRE_ERROR_NOSUBSTRING if the string number is invalid.

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