

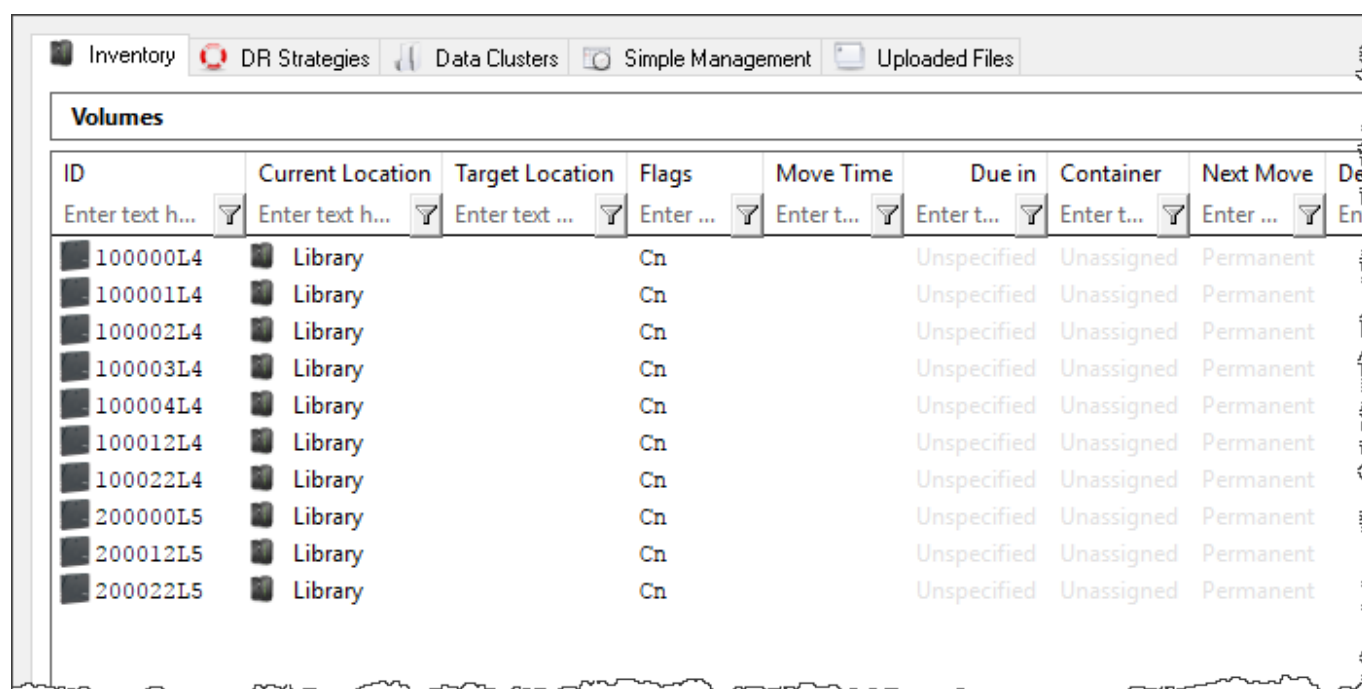
# Pattern matching

TapeTrack has powerful pattern matching functionality that can be utilized globally in [TapeTrack](#) [TapeMaster](#).

## String Pattern Matching

To illustrate the effects of where and how the asterisk wildcard affects search results all examples will be performed against the following [Volume](#) values.

100000L4, 100001L4, 100002L4, 100003L4, 100004L4, 100012L4, 100022L4, 200000L5, 200012L5, 200022L5

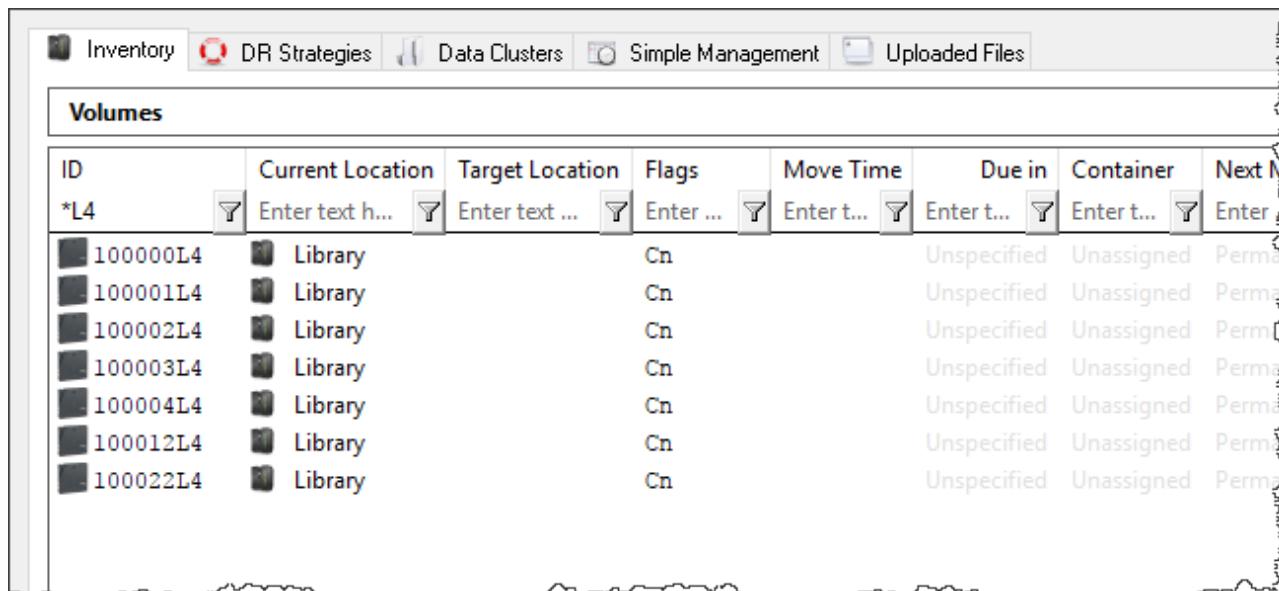


ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move	De
Enter text h...	Enter text h...	Enter text ...	Enter ...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter ...	En
100000L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100001L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100002L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100003L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100004L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100012L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100022L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
200000L5	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
200012L5	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
200022L5	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	

### Asterisk (\*)

The **Asterisk is used** as a wildcard to allow string matching in multiple positions and variable string lengths.

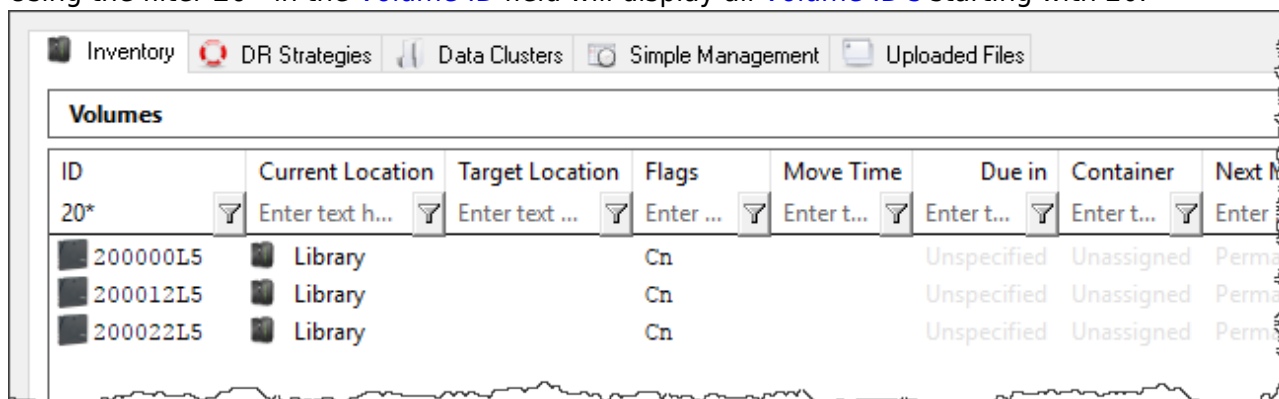
- An **Asterisk** before a set of characters will show all items that end with those characters. Using the filter \*L4 in the Volume-ID field will show all Volume-ID's ending in L4.



The screenshot shows the Tapetrack interface with the 'Volumes' tab selected. The 'ID' column has a filter of '\*L4' applied. The table displays seven rows of volume data, all starting with '1000' and ending with 'L4'.

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next M
*L4	Enter text h...	Enter text ...	Enter ...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter
100000L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
100001L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
100002L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
100003L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
100004L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
100012L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
100022L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma

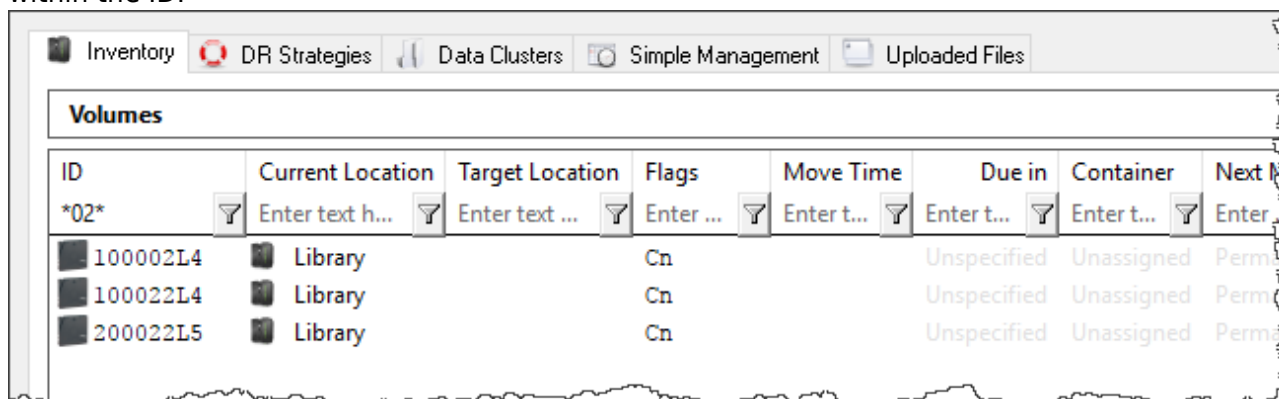
- An **Asterisk** after a set of characters will show all items that begin with those characters. Using the filter 20\* in the [Volume-ID](#) field will display all [Volume-ID's](#) starting with 20.



The screenshot shows the Tapetrack interface with the 'Volumes' tab selected. The 'ID' column has a filter of '20\*' applied. The table displays three rows of volume data, all starting with '2000'.

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next M
20*	Enter text h...	Enter text ...	Enter ...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter
200000L5	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
200012L5	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
200022L5	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma

- If used on its own, the **Asterisk** will match everything and, as such, will have no effect on [Volumes](#) displayed.
- Using two **Asterisks**, one on either side of a character or set of characters will show all items containing that character or set of characters at any character position. Using the filter \*02\* in the [Volume-ID](#) field will display all [Volume-ID's](#) that have 02 anywhere within the ID.



The screenshot shows the Tapetrack interface with the 'Volumes' tab selected. The 'ID' column has a filter of '\*02\*' applied. The table displays three rows of volume data, all containing '02' in the ID.

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next M
*02*	Enter text h...	Enter text ...	Enter ...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter
100002L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
100022L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma
200022L5	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perma

- The Asterisk does not need to be used when entering a full Object-ID or when searching for [Flags](#) in the [Volume List](#).

Inventory DR Strategies Data Clusters Simple Management Uploaded Files							
Volumes							
ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next M
200000L5	Enter text h...	Enter text ...	E	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter
200000L5	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Perm

Question Mark (?)

The **Question Mark** is used to indicate that any character can exist in a specific character position. Using the filter ??????L4 in the Volume-ID field will display all eight character Volume-ID's ending in L4.

Inventory DR Strategies Data Clusters Simple Management Uploaded Files							
Volumes							
ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move
??????L4	Enter text h...	Enter text ...	Enter ...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter ...
100000L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
100001L4	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
100002L4	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
100003L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
100004L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
100012L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent
100022L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent

Square Brackets ([ ])

**Square Brackets** can be used to provide parameters for a specific character position that are longer than one character. There are four different configurations:

Multiple Characters

When multiple characters are put in a **Square Bracket**, any of the characters listed will be displayed at the specified character position.

Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, [12]?????L[45] will display all eight character Volume-ID's that start in either 1 or 2 and end in either L4 or L5.

Range Of Characters

Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, [12]?????L[4-7] will display all eight character Volume-ID's that start in either 1 or 2 and end in either L4, L5, L6 or L7.

InventoryDR StrategiesData ClustersSimple ManagementUploaded Files

Volumes

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move	De
?????L[1-4]	Enter text h...	Enter text ...	Enter ...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter ...	En
100000L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100001L4	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100002L4	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100003L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100004L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100012L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100022L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	

Vertical Bar (|)

When two or more characters are placed between **Square Brackets** and separated by **Vertical Bars**, the **Vertical Bar** will act as the word “OR” displaying any of the characters.

Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, ??????L[4|5] will display all eight character Volume-ID's that end in either L4 **OR** L5.

InventoryDR StrategiesData ClustersSimple ManagementUploaded Files

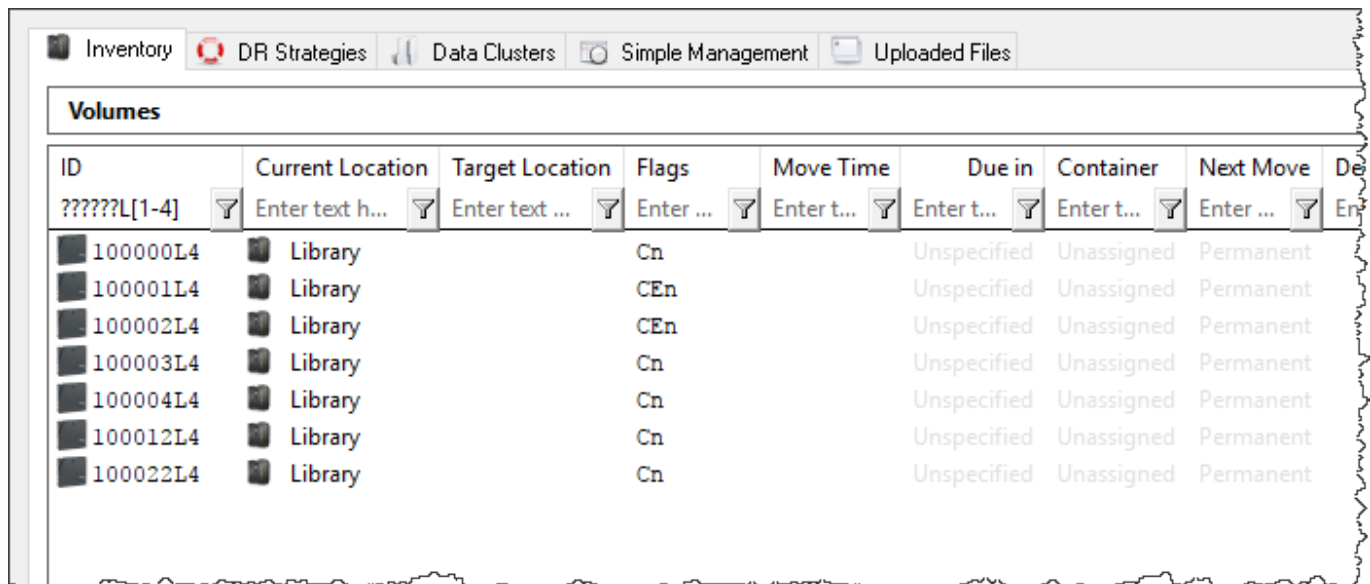
Volumes

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move	De
?????L[4 5]	Enter text h...	Enter text ...	E	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter t...	Enter ...	En
100001L4	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100002L4	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
200000L5	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
200012L5	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	

Hyphen (-)

When two characters are placed between **Square Brackets** and separated by a **Hyphen**, any character alphanumerically between the two characters inclusive will display.

Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, ??????L[1-4] will display all eight character Volume-ID's that end in L1, L2, L3 **OR** L4.



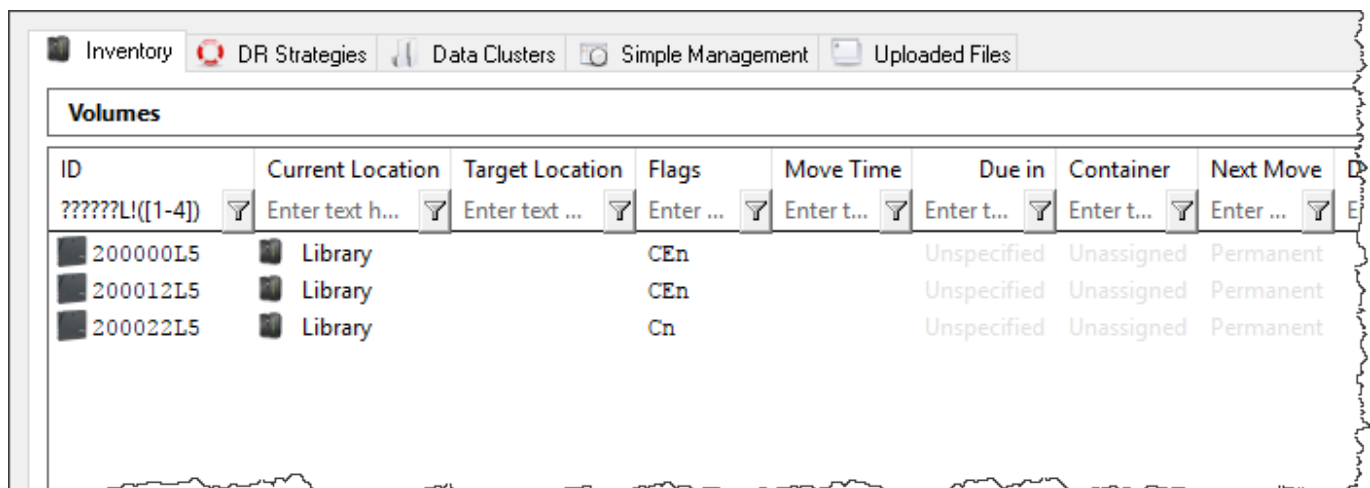
The screenshot shows the TapeTrack interface with the 'Volumes' table. The 'ID' column has a filter applied: '?????L[1-4]'. The table displays 8 rows of data, all starting with '100000' and ending with 'L4'. The filter successfully restricts the view to only those volumes whose IDs end in 'L4'.

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move	De
100000L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100001L4	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100002L4	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100003L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100004L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100012L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
100022L4	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	

## Exclamation Point (!)

When the **Exclamation Point** is placed immediately following the left **Square Bracket** in a set of **Square Brackets**, any character except for the characters listed after the **Exclamation Point** will display. This functionality also works with **Multiple Characters**, **Vertical Bars**, and **Hyphens**.

Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, `?????L!([1-4])` will display all eight character Volume-ID's that start end in anything other than 1, 2, 3 or 4.



The screenshot shows the TapeTrack interface with the 'Volumes' table. The 'ID' column has a filter applied: '?????L!([1-4])'. The table displays 3 rows of data, all starting with '200000' and ending with 'L5'. The filter successfully restricts the view to only those volumes whose IDs end in 'L5'.

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move	D
200000L5	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
200012L5	Library		CEn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	
200022L5	Library		Cn		Unspecified	Unassigned	Permanent	

## Date Pattern Matching

TapeTrack Date Format

TapeTrack allows you to represent dates both as literal date values and date calculations.

### Syntax

- **YYYY-MM-DD**: ISO Date format

- **\***: Today
- **\*[+-]x**: Today + or - x days
- **M**: The first day of this month
- **m**: The last day of this month
- **Y**: The first day of the year
- **y**: The last day of the year
- **M+-x**: The first day of the month + or - x months
- **M+-x+-y**: The first day of the month + or - x months + or - y days
- **Y+-x**: The first day of the year + or - x months
- **Y+-x+-y**: The first day of the year + or - x years + or - y months
- **Y+-x+-y+-z**: The first day of the year + or - x years + or - y months + or - z days

Examples

*-10	10 days ago
Y	the beginning of this year
M-1	the last day of last month
y-1	the last day of last year
Y-1+3-1	the last day of February last year

From:  
<https://rtfm.tapetrack.com/> - **TapeTrack Documentation**

Permanent link:  
[https://rtfm.tapetrack.com/general/pattern\\_matching?rev=1579742291](https://rtfm.tapetrack.com/general/pattern_matching?rev=1579742291)

Last update: **2025/01/21 22:07**

