

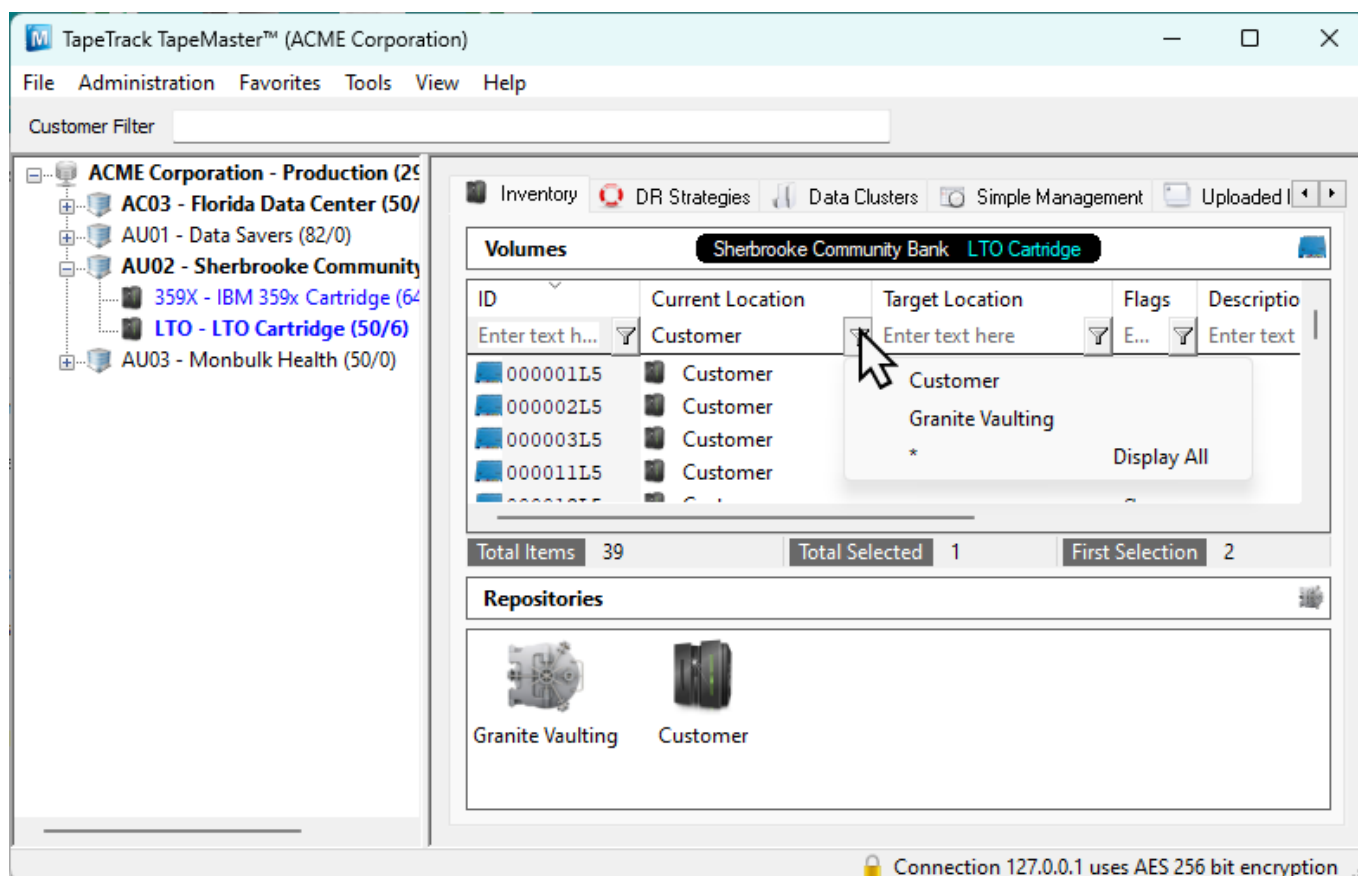
# Pattern Matching And Filter Strings

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

## TapeMaster Quick Filters

TapeMaster fields can be filtered by Repository, Flags, Next Move and/or Container by using the funnel buttons on the right of the filter fields.

To use quick filters just click on the required column funnel and select the filter value.



## 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
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	

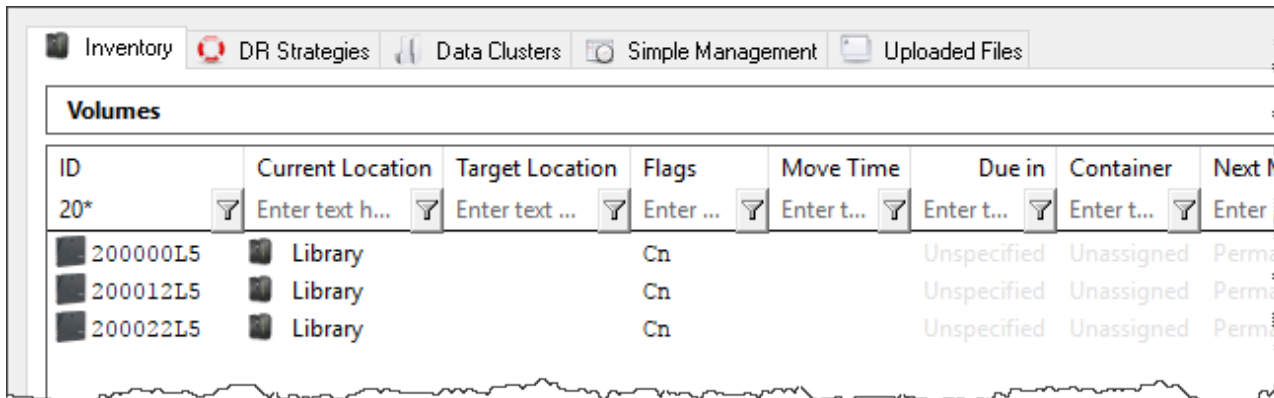
### Asterisk (\*)

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

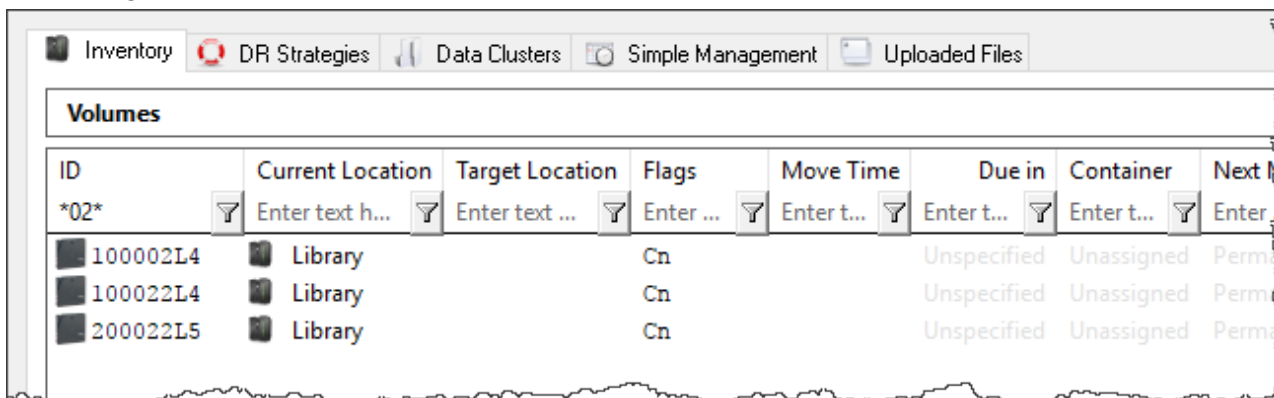
- An **Asterisk** before a set of characters will show all items that end with those characters. Using the filter \*L4 in the **Volume-ID** field will show all **Volume-ID's** ending in L4.

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next M
*L4							
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

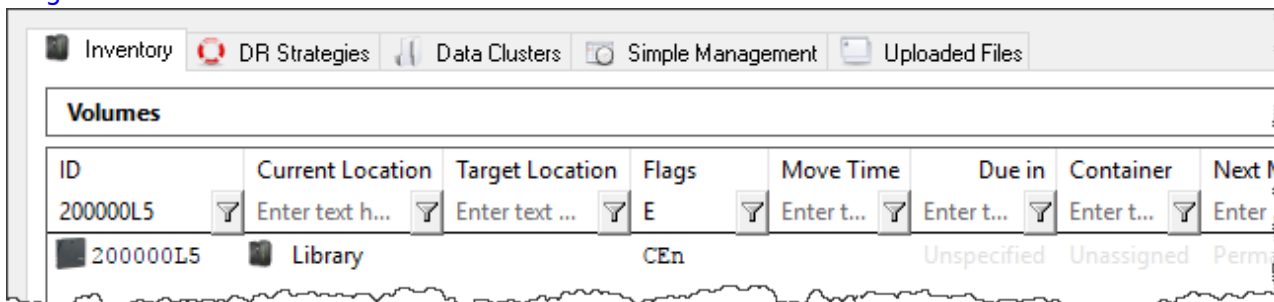
- An **Asterisk** after a set of characters will show all items that begin with those characters. Using the filter 20\* in the **Volume-ID** field will display all **Volume-ID's** starting with 20.



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



### 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.

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

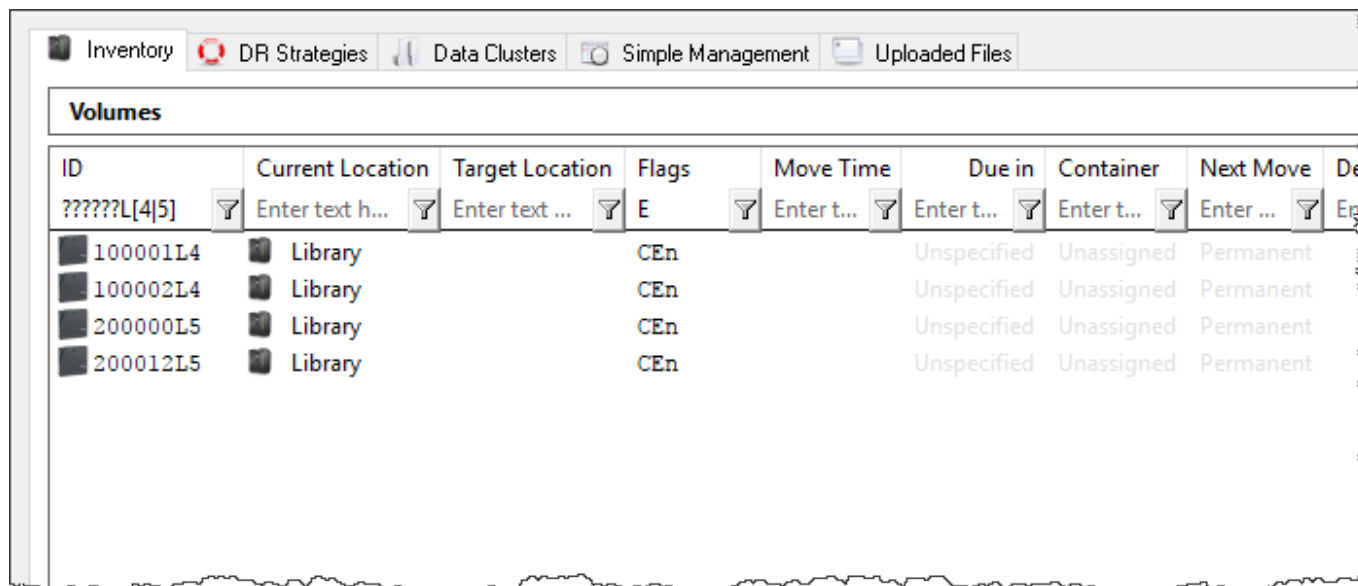
Using the filter, in the **Volume-ID** field, [12]?????L[4-7] will display all eight character **Volume-ID's** that start in either 1 or 2 and end in either L4, L5, L6 or L7.

ID	Current Location	Target Location	Flags	Move Time	Due in	Container	Next Move
?????L[1-4]	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

## 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.



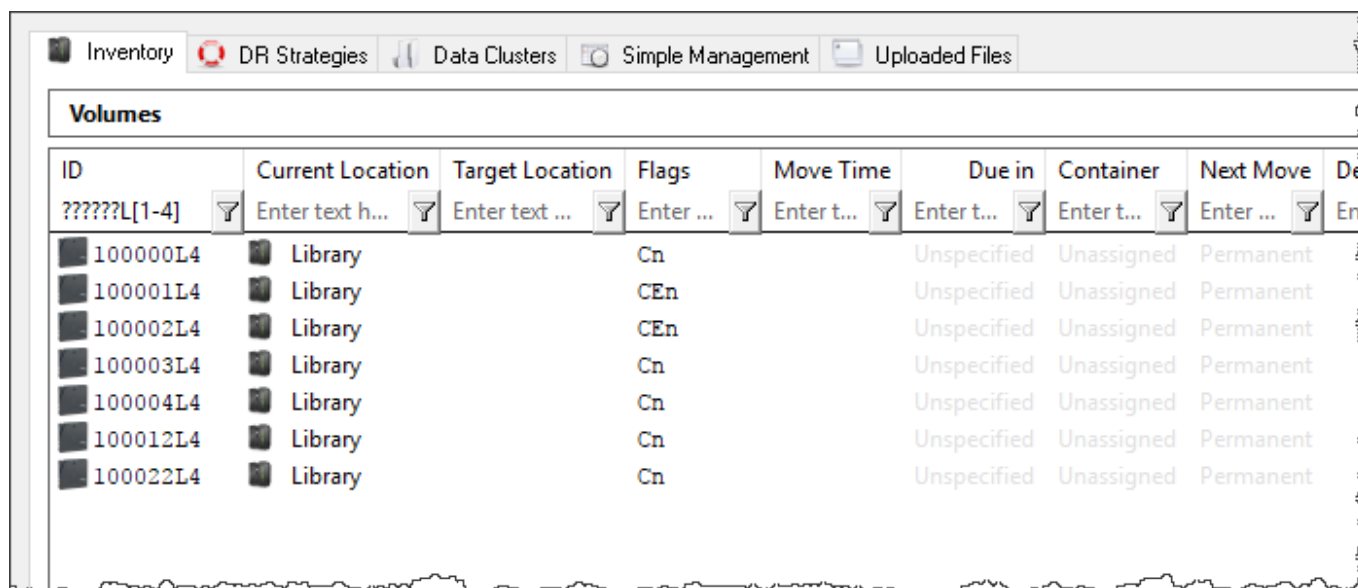
The screenshot shows a software interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Inventory', 'DR Strategies', 'Data Clusters', 'Simple Management', and 'Uploaded Files'. Below this is a section titled 'Volumes' containing a table. The table has columns: ID, Current Location, Target Location, Flags, Move Time, Due in, Container, Next Move, and De. The filter '?????L[4|5]' is applied to the ID column. The table displays four rows of data:

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 ...	Ep
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.



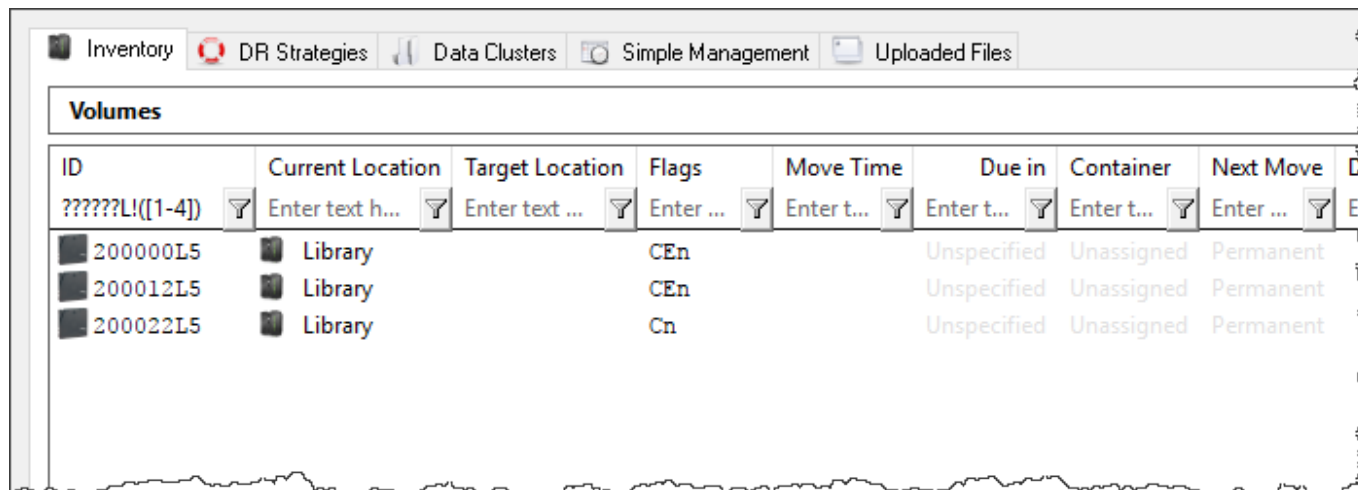
The screenshot shows the same software interface as above, but with the filter '?????L[1-4]' applied to the ID column. The table displays seven rows of data:

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	

## 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.



## Date Pattern Matching

TapeTrack Date Format

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

### Syntax

Syntax	Description
YYYY-MM-DD	ISO Date Format
*	Today
W	This Week
P	The oldest Date
F	The most Future Date
*±x	Today ± number of days (x).
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 ± number of months (x).
M±x±y	The first day of the month ± number of months (x), ± number of days (y).
Y±x	The first day of the year ± x number of years
Y±x±y	The first day of the year ± number of years (x) ± number of months (y).

Syntax	Description
$Y \pm x \pm y \pm z$	The first day of the year $\pm$ number of years (x) $\pm$ number of months (y) $\pm$ number of days (z).

## Examples

Date Syntax	Description
*-10	Today - 10 days
W-10	10 Weeks ago
W+2	2 Weeks in the future
M	The first day of this month
M-1	The first day of last month
Y	The beginning of this year
y-1	The last day of last year
Y-1+3-1	The last day of February last year
P	The oldest date
P+50	The oldest date plus 50 days
F	The most future date

Date Range Syntax	Description
*-10:*	10 days ago until today
W-2:*	Two weeks ago until today
M-4:W+2	First day of four months ago until two weeks from today

## Pattern Matching

Syntax	Description
????	4 Character long
????*	4 or more long
!(?*)	

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