

- `REGEXP_LIKE(expr, pat[, match_type])`

Returns 1 if the string `expr` matches the regular expression specified by the pattern `pat`, 0 otherwise. If `expr` or `pat` is `NULL`, the return value is `NULL`.

The pattern can be an extended regular expression, the syntax for which is discussed in [Regular Expression Syntax](#). The pattern need not be a literal string. For example, it can be specified as a string expression or table column.

The optional `match_type` argument is a string that may contain any or all the following characters specifying how to perform matching:

- `c`: Case-sensitive matching.
- `i`: Case-insensitive matching.
- `m`: Multiple-line mode. Recognize line terminators within the string. The default behavior is to match line terminators only at the start and end of the string expression.
- `n`: The `.` character matches line terminators. The default is for `.` matching to stop at the end of a line.
- `u`: Unix-only line endings. Only the newline character is recognized as a line ending by the `.`, `^`, and `$` match operators.

If characters specifying contradictory options are specified within `match_type`, the rightmost one takes precedence.

By default, regular expression operations use the character set and collation of the `expr` and `pat` arguments when deciding the type of a character and performing the comparison. If the arguments have different character sets or collations, coercibility rules apply as described in [Section 10.8.4, “Collation Coercibility in Expressions”](#). Arguments may be specified with explicit collation indicators to change comparison behavior.

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mysql> SELECT REGEXP_LIKE('CamelCase', 'CAMELCASE');
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| REGEXP_LIKE('CamelCase', 'CAMELCASE') |
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|                                     1 |
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mysql> SELECT REGEXP_LIKE('CamelCase', 'CAMELCASE' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_as_cs);
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| REGEXP_LIKE('CamelCase', 'CAMELCASE' COLLATE utf8mb4_0900_as_cs) |
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|                                     0 |
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```

`match_type` may be specified with the `c` or `i` characters to override the default case sensitivity. Exception: If either argument is a binary string, the arguments are handled in case-sensitive fashion as binary strings, even if `match_type` contains the `i` character.



#### Note

MySQL uses C escape syntax in strings (for example, `\n` to represent the newline character). If you want your `expr` or `pat` argument to contain a literal `\`, you must double it. (Unless the `NO_BACKSLASH_ESCAPES` SQL mode is enabled, in which case no escape character is used.)

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mysql> SELECT REGEXP_LIKE('Michael!', '.*');
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