

## Re: Question about perlref – are {n} and {n}? different?

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"Dr.Ruud" <rvtol+news@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> said:  
>usenet@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx schreef:  
>> perlref::QUANTIFIERS says:  
>>  
>> Quantifiers are greedy by default -- match the longest leftmost.  
>> Maximal Minimal Allowed range  
>> -----  
>> {n,m} {n,m}? Must occur at least n times but no more than m times  
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>  
>The 'Must occur ... no more than m times' is not accurate.

Hmm.. given a little bit more context, it is accurate:

AX{n,m}B

Here, to make the whole RE match, you must have an A, followed by at least n, but no more than m Xs, followed by a B.

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Wolf a.k.a. Juha Laiho Espoo, Finland  
(GC 3.0) GIT d- s+: a C++ ULSH++++\$ P++@ L+++ E- W+\$@ N++ !K w !O !M V  
PS(+) PE Y+ PGP(+) t- 5 !X R !tv b+ !DI D G e+ h----- r+++ y++++  
"...cancel my subscription to the resurrection!" (Jim Morrison)

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