REGEX CHEAT SHEET

regexguide.com/patterns/camelcase.html

camelCase identifier

Lowercase first word followed by capitalized words.

```
^[a-z]+([A-Z][a-z0-9]*)*$
```

Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
`^`	start of string (or line in multiline mode)
`[a-z]+`	one or more: any of: lowercase letters
`(`	start of a capturing group
`[A-Z]`	any of: uppercase letters
`[a-z0-9]*`	zero or more: any of: lowercase letters, digits
`)*`	end of group, zero or more
`$`	end of string (or line in multiline mode)

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript

```
const re = /^[a-z]+([A-Z][a-z0-9]*)*$/;
re.test(value);
```

Python

```
import re
re.match(r"^[a-z]+([A-Z][a-z0-9]*)*$", value)
```

Java

```
Pattern.compile("^[a-z]+([A-Z][a-z0-9]*)*$").matcher(value).matches();
```

C# / .NET

```
Regex.IsMatch(value, @"^[a-z]+([A-Z][a-z0-9]*)*$");
```

Go

```
regexp.MustCompile(`^[a-z]+([A-Z][a-z0-9]*)*$`).MatchString(value)
```

Ruby

```
/^[a-z]+([A-Z][a-z0-9]*)*$/.match?(value)
```

PHP

```
preg_match('~^[a-z]+([A-Z][a-z0-9]*)*$~', $value);
```

Common pitfalls

- **Anchored to the whole string.** This pattern uses ^ and $, so it requires the entire input to match. To find it inside a longer text, drop the anchors and use the global (g) flag.
- **Case sensitivity.** Letter ranges are case-sensitive — use the i flag if the input case can vary.
- **Watch for backtracking.** This pattern nests quantifiers; on adversarial input that can cause exponential backtracking (ReDoS). Test with long non-matching strings, or use an RE2-based engine.
- **Validate beyond format.** Matching the format doesn't guarantee the value is real. Confirm the camelcase identifier against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.