

Whitespace (multiple/leading/trailing)

Match runs of whitespace for trimming or collapsing.

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\s+
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Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
\s+	one or more: whitespace

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript `const re = /\s+/
re.test(value);`

Python `import re
re.match(r"\s+", value)`

Java `Pattern.compile("\\s+").matcher(value).matches();`

C# / .NET `Regex.IsMatch(value, @"\s+");`

Go `regexp.MustCompile(`\s+`).MatchString(value)`

Ruby `/\s+/.match?(value)`

PHP `preg_match('~\s+~', $value);`

Common pitfalls

- **Not anchored.** Without `^` and `$` this can match a substring anywhere in the input — add anchors if you need the whole value to conform.
- **Escape it correctly per language.** In Java and JavaScript strings each backslash must be doubled (`\\d`); in Python, Go, and C# use raw/verbatim strings so the backslashes survive.
- **Validate beyond format.** Matching the format doesn't guarantee the value is real. Confirm the whitespace (multiple/leading/trailing) against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.