

# VB.NET - BACKREFERENCE CONSTRUCTS

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Backreference constructs allow a previously matched sub-expression to be identified subsequently in the same regular expression.

The following table lists these constructs:

Backreference construct	Description	Pattern	Matches
<b>\ number</b>	Backreference. Matches the value of a numbered subexpression.	<span style="color: red;">\w</span> \1	"ee" in "seek"
<b>\k&lt; name &gt;</b>	Named backreference. Matches the value of a named expression.	? < <i>char</i> > <span style="color: red;">\w</span> \k< char>	"ee" in "seek"

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