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Value	Valid character range
A	Alphabetic character set: contains the letters a-z and A-Z and may contain special characters <sup>1</sup> , but not numeric characters.
N	Numeric character set: contains whole and decimal numbers and may contain special characters, but not alphabetic characters.
X	Alphanumeric character set: contains alphabetic and numeric characters, and may contain blank characters.
D	A numeric character representing a number of days.*
M	A numeric character representing a number of months.*
Y	A numeric character representing a number of years.*
h	Any numeric character representing a number of hours.*
m	Any numeric character representing a number of minutes.*
s	Any numeric character representing number of seconds.*
{ }	The string within the curly brackets (braces) is optional in its entirety e.g. X{XX} indicates 1 or 3 alphanumeric characters i.e. X or XXX.
[ ]	The string within the square brackets is optional in any ordered combination e.g. [XXX] indicates 0, 1, 2 or 3 alphanumeric characters i.e. blank, X, XX or XXX.
( )	The character preceding the round brackets (parentheses) is repeated the number of times specified e.g. X(9) indicates 9 alphanumeric characters.