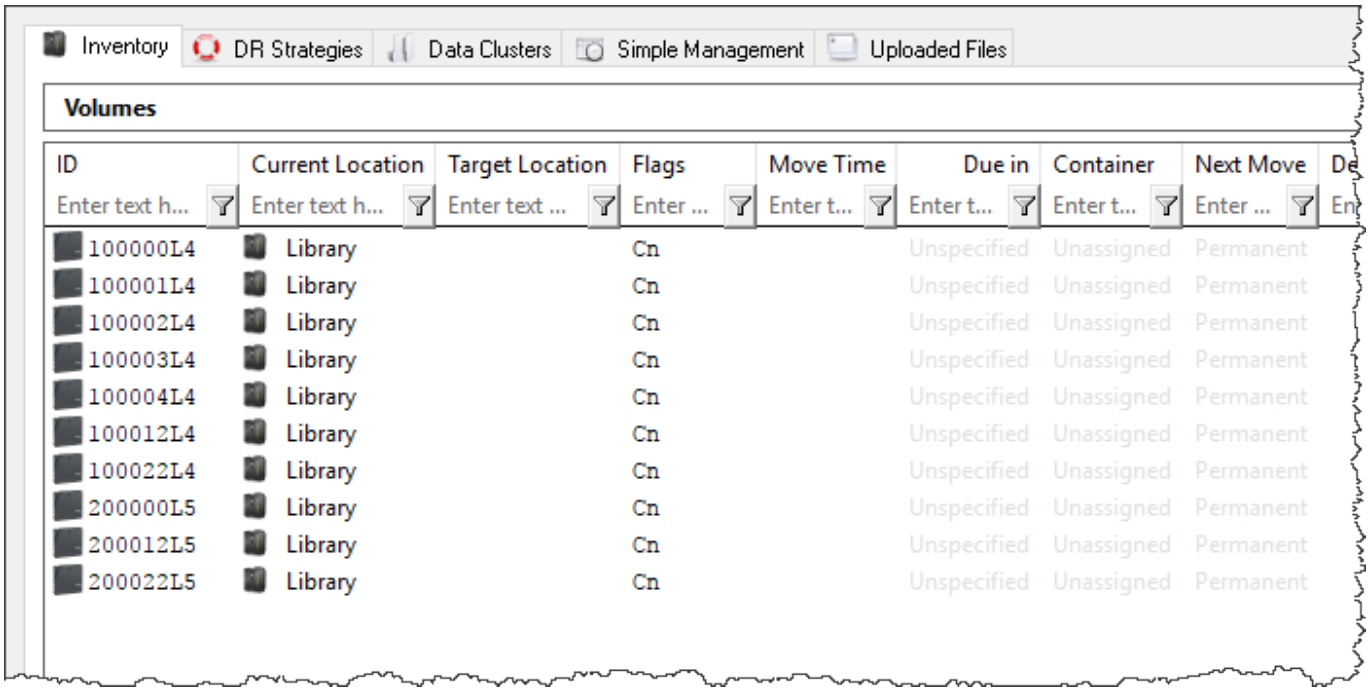
# Pattern matching

TapeTrack has powerful pattern matching functionality that can be utilized globally in TapeMaster.

## String Pattern Matching

To illustrate the effects of where and how the asterisk wildcard affects search results all examples will be performed against the following Volume values.

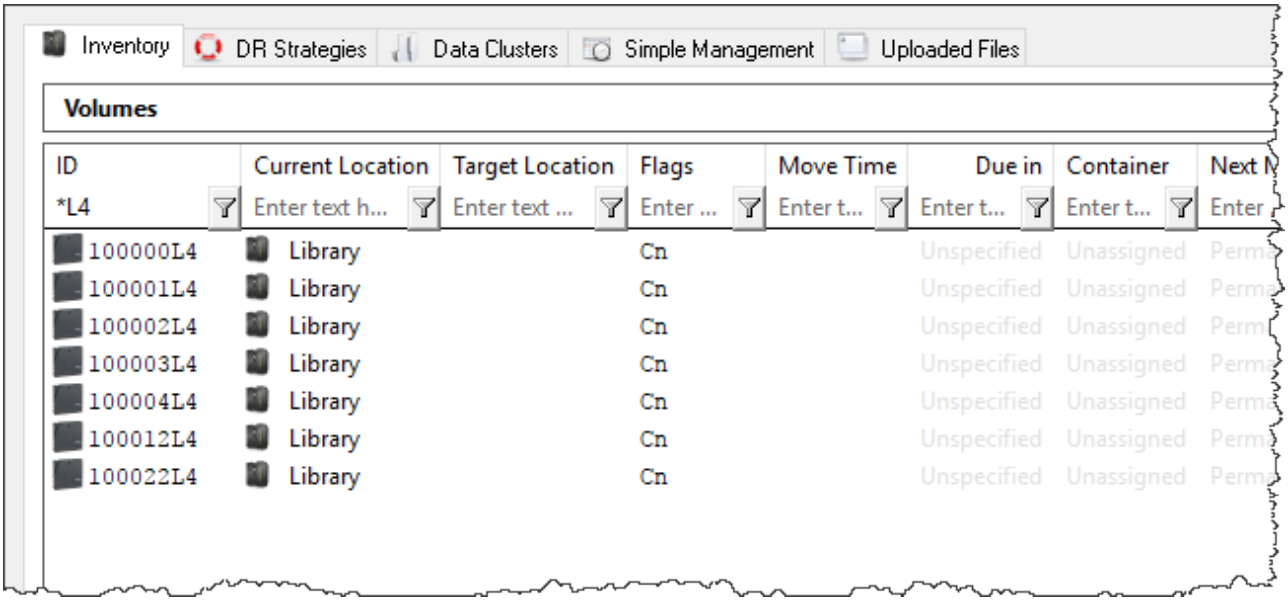
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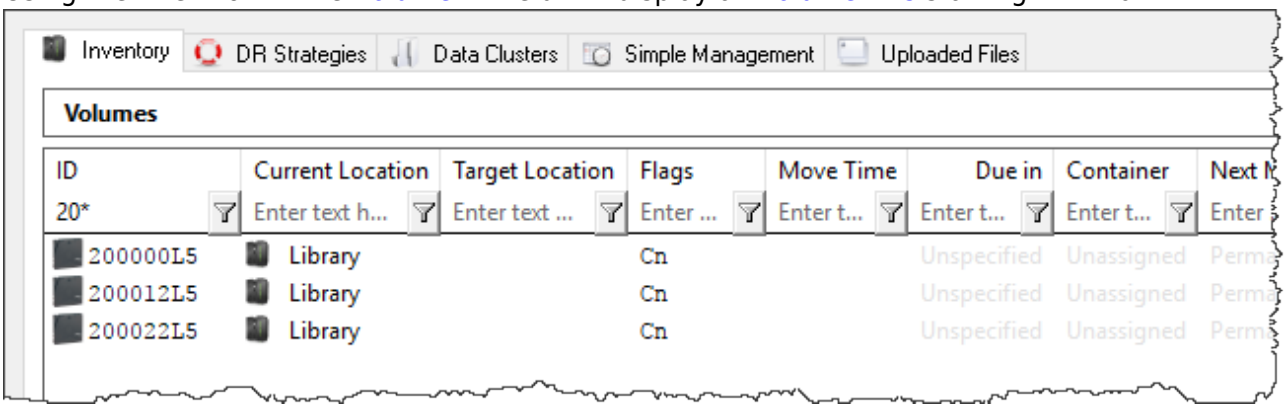

### Asterisk (*)

The **Asterisk is used** as a wildcard to allow String matching in multiple positions and variable String lengths.

- An **Asterisk** before a set of characters will show all items that end with those characters. Using the filter *L4 in the Volume-ID field will show all Volume-ID's ending in L4.

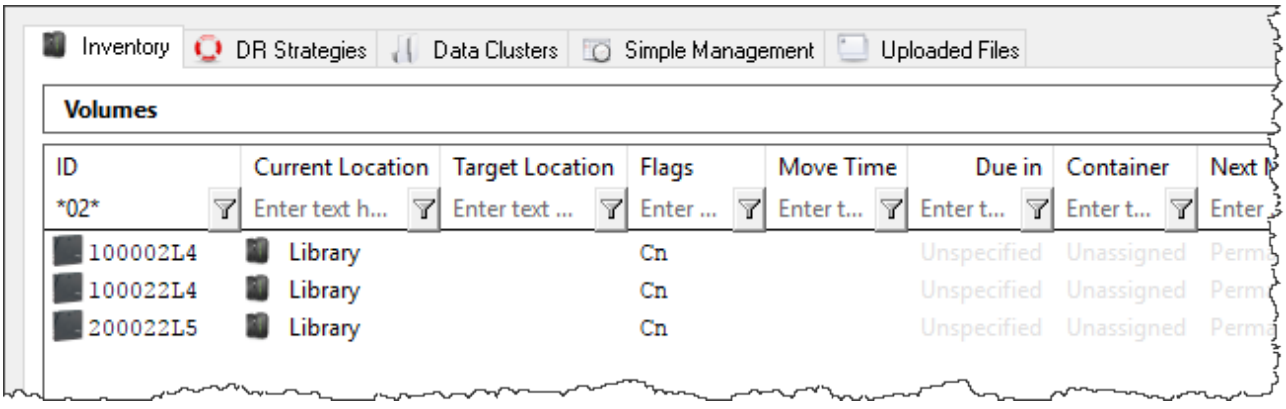



- An **Asterisk** after a set of characters will show all items that begin with those characters.
  Using the filter 20* in the Volume-ID field will display all Volume-ID's starting with 20.

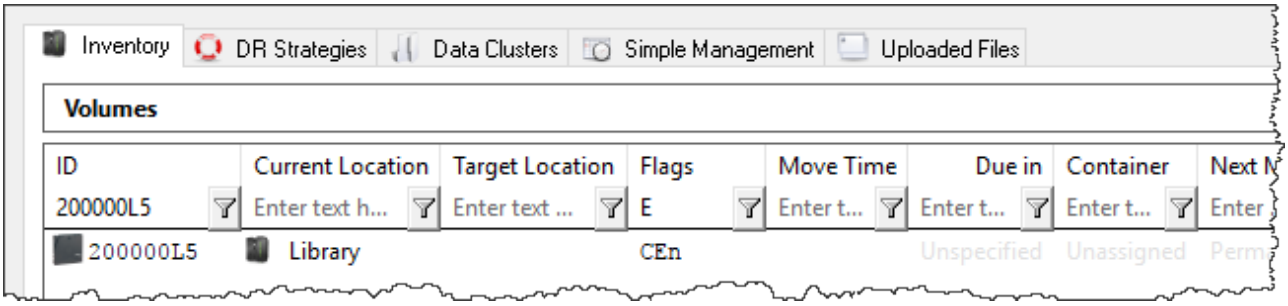



- If used on its own, the **Asterisk** will match everything and, as such, will have no effect on Volumes displayed.

- Using two **Asterisks**, one on either side of a character or set of characters will show all items containing that character or set of characters at any character position.
  Using the filter *02* in the Volume-ID field will display all Volume-ID's that have 02 anywhere within the ID.



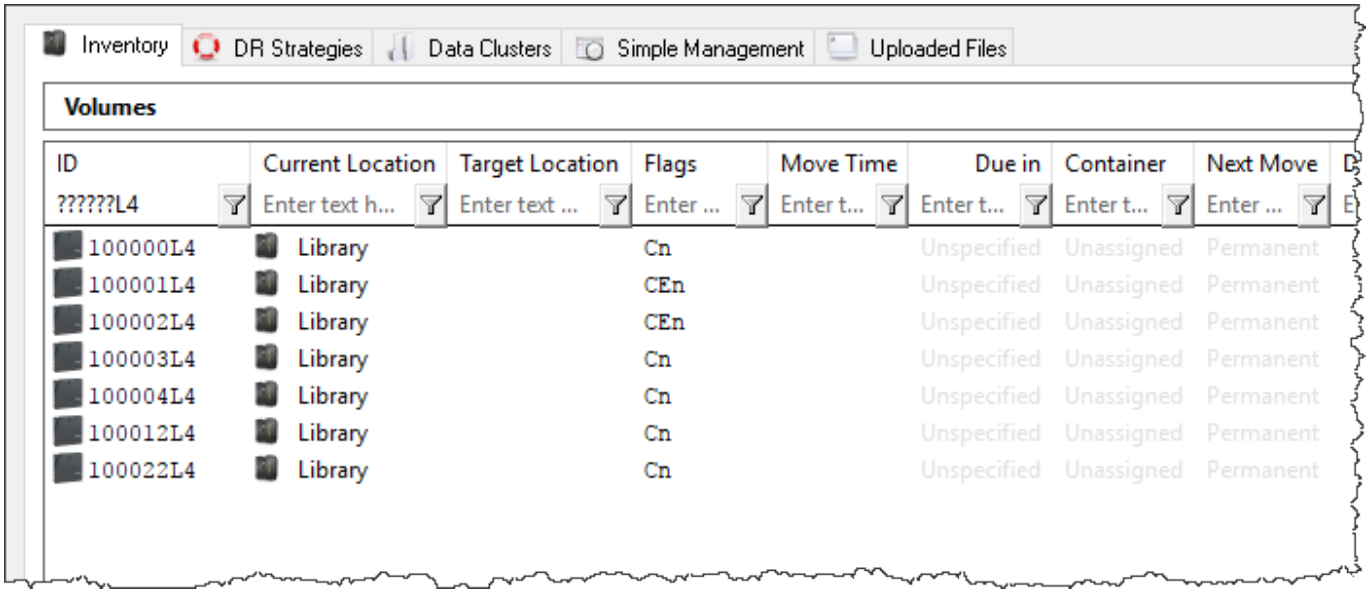

- The Asterisk does not need to be used when entering a full Object-ID or when searching for Flags in the Volume List.




## Question Mark (?)

The **Question Mark** is used to indicate that any character can exist in a specific character position.

Using the filter ??????L4 in the Volume-ID field will display all eight character Volume-ID's ending in L4.




## Square Brackets ([ ])

**Square Brackets** can be used to provide parameters for a specific character position that are longer than one character. There are four different configurations:

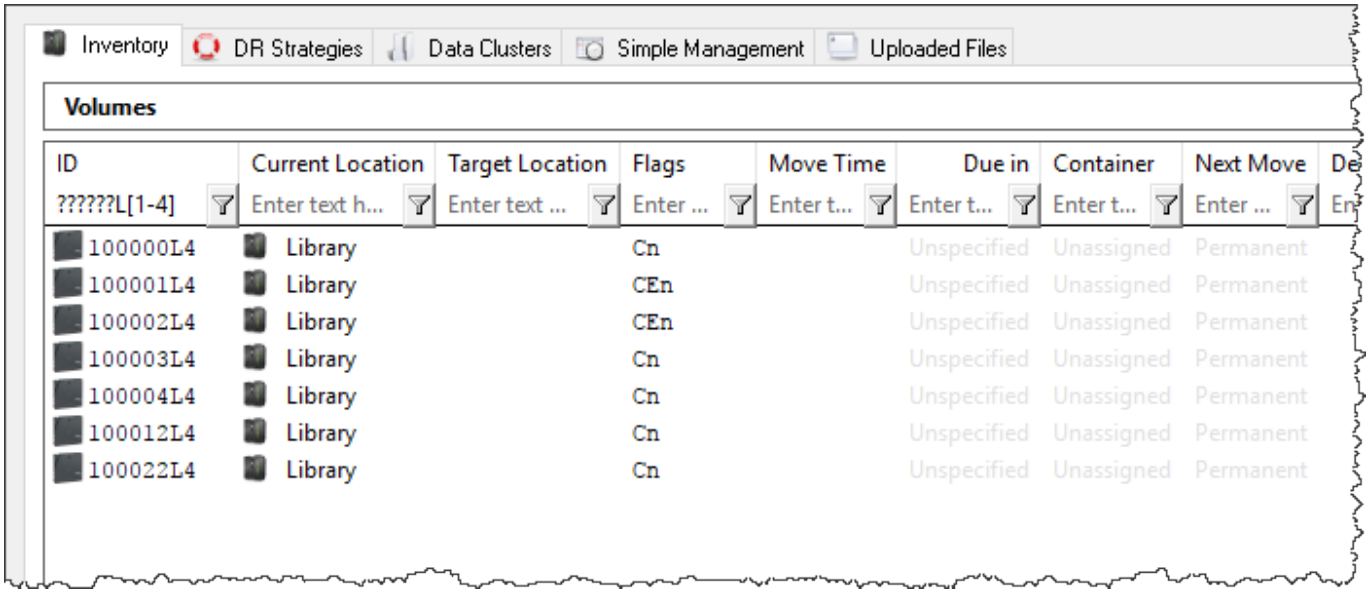
### Multiple Characters

When multiple characters are put in a **Square Bracket**, any of the characters listed will be displayed at the specified character position.

Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, `[12]?????L[45]` will display all eight character Volume-ID's that start in either 1 or 2 and end in either L4 or L5.

### Range Of Characters

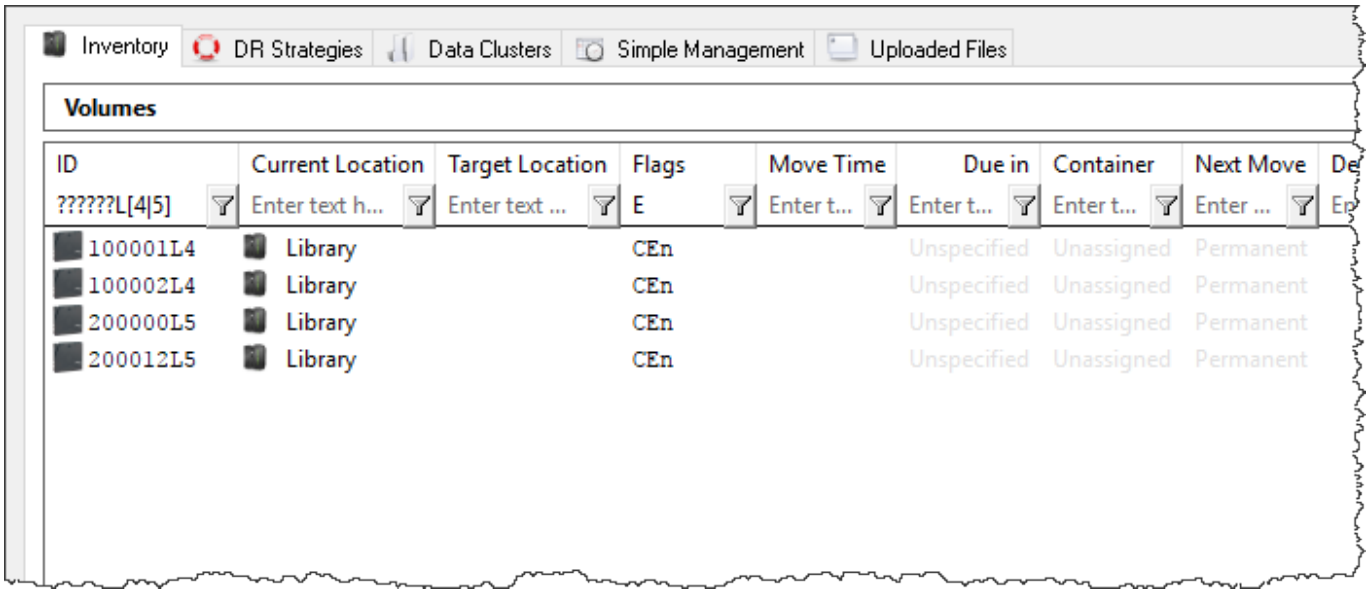
Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, `[12]?????L[4-7]` will display all eight character Volume-ID's that start in either 1 or 2 and end in either L4, L5, L6 or L7.




## Vertical Bar (|)

When two or more characters are placed between **Square Brackets** and separated by **Vertical Bars**, the **Vertical Bar** will act as the word “OR” displaying any of the characters.

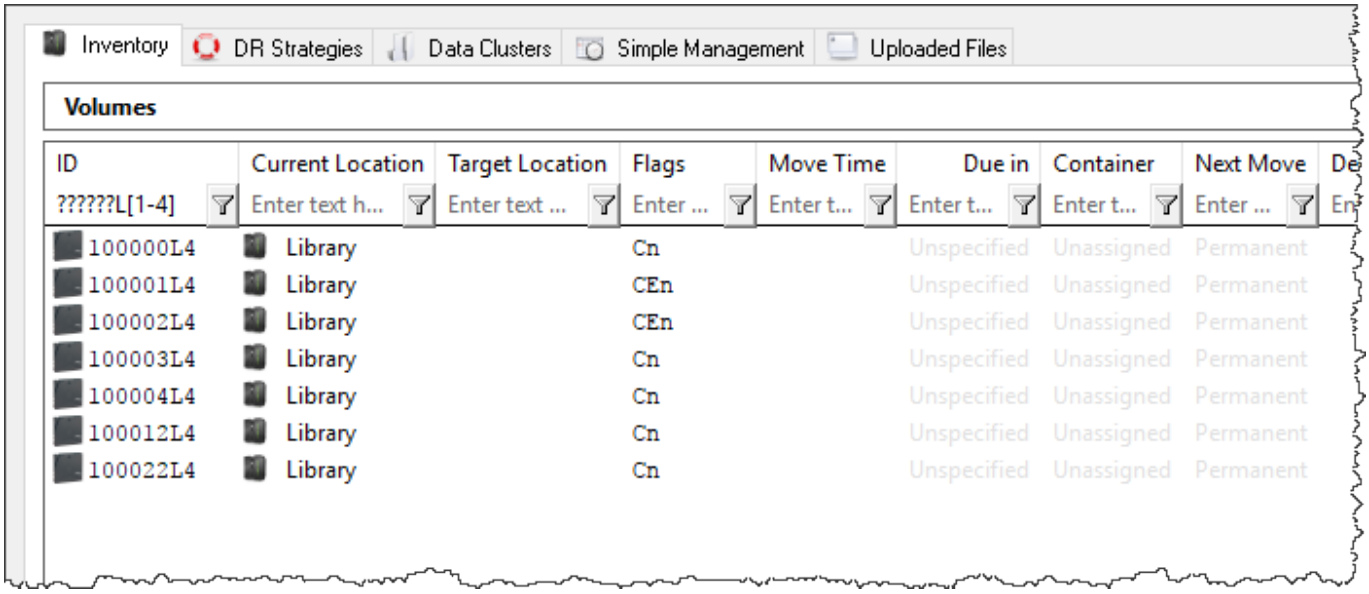
Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, `??????L[4|5]` will display all eight character Volume-ID's that end in either L4 **OR** L5.




## Hyphen (-)

When two characters are placed between **Square Brackets** and separated by a **Hyphen**, any character alphanumerically between the two characters inclusive will display.

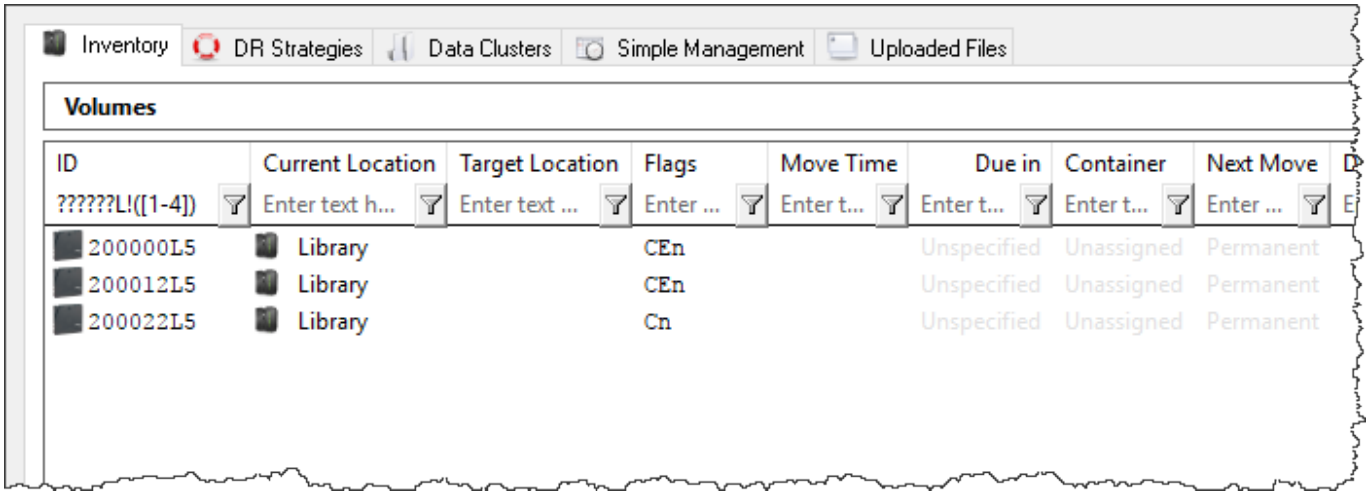
Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, ??????L[1-4] will display all eight character Volume-ID's that end in L1, L2, L3 OR L4.




### Exclamation Point (!)

When the **Exclamation Point** is placed immediately following the left **Square Bracket** in a set of **Square Brackets**, any character except for the characters listed after the **Exclamation Point** will display. This functionality also works with **Multiple Characters**, **Vertical Bars**, and **Hyphens**.

Using the filter, in the Volume-ID field, `??????L!([1-4])` will display all eight character Volume-ID's that start end in anything other than 1, 2, 3 or 4.




## Date Pattern Matching

TapeTrack Date Format

TapeTrack allows you to represent dates both as literal date values and date calculations.

#### Syntax

| Syntax | Description |
|---|---|
| YYYY-MM-DD | ISO Date Format |
| * | Today |
| W | This Week |
| P | The oldest Date |
| F | The most Future Date |
| *±x | Today plus or minus number of days (x). |
| M | The first day of this month |
| m | The last day of this month. |
| Y | The first day of the year. |
| y | The last day of the year. |
| M±x | The first day of the month plus or minus number of months (x). |
| M±x±y | The first day of the month plus or minus number of months (x), plus or minus number of days (y). |
| Y±x | The first day of the year plus or minus x months. |
| Y±x±y | The first day of the year plus or minus number of years (x) plus or minus number of months (y). |
| Y±x±y±z | The first day of the year plus or minus number of years (x) plus or minus number of months (y) plus or minus number of days (z). |

### Examples

| Date Syntax | Description |
|---|---|
| *-10 | Today - 10 days |
| W-10 | 10 Weeks ago |
| W+2 | 2 Weeks in the future |
| M | The first day of this month |
| M-1 | The first day of last month |
| Y | The beginning of this year |
| y-1 | The last day of last year |
| Y-1+3-1 | The last day of February last year |
| P | The oldest date |
| P+50 | The oldest date plus 50 days |
| F | The most future date |

| Date Range Syntax | Description |
|---|---|
| *-10:* | 10 days ago until today |
| W-2:* | Two weeks ago until today |

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