

Regular Expressions

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REGULAR EXPRESSION

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SUBSTITUTION

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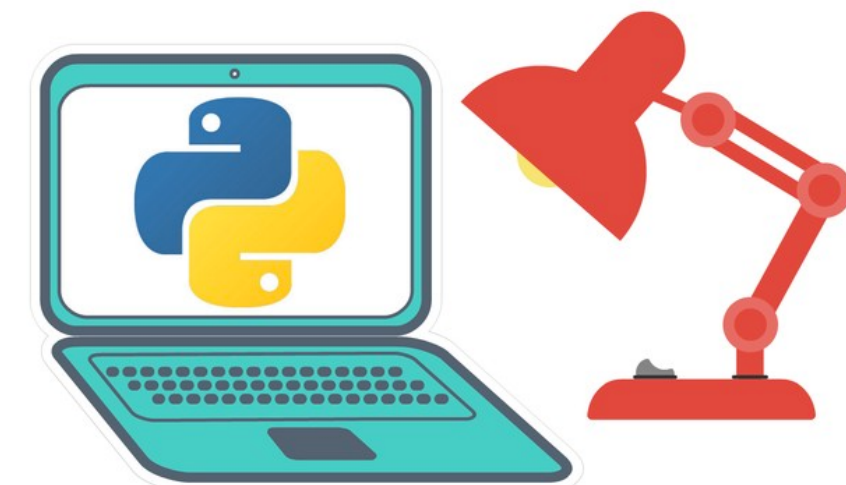
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(...) - Capture Group

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"text with good word")  
match / True
```

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(...) - Capture Group

```
>> re.search(pattern, text).groups()
```

```
>> re.search("(good|nice)",  
"text with good word").groups()  
('good',)
```

```
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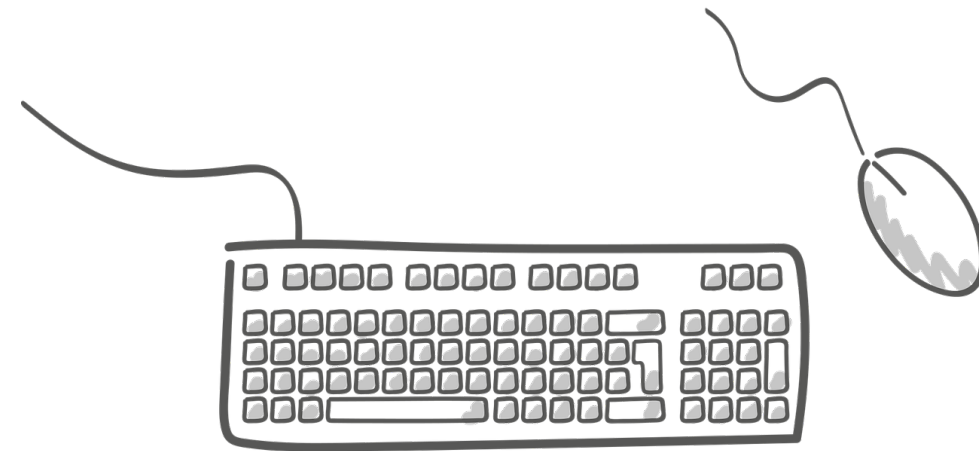
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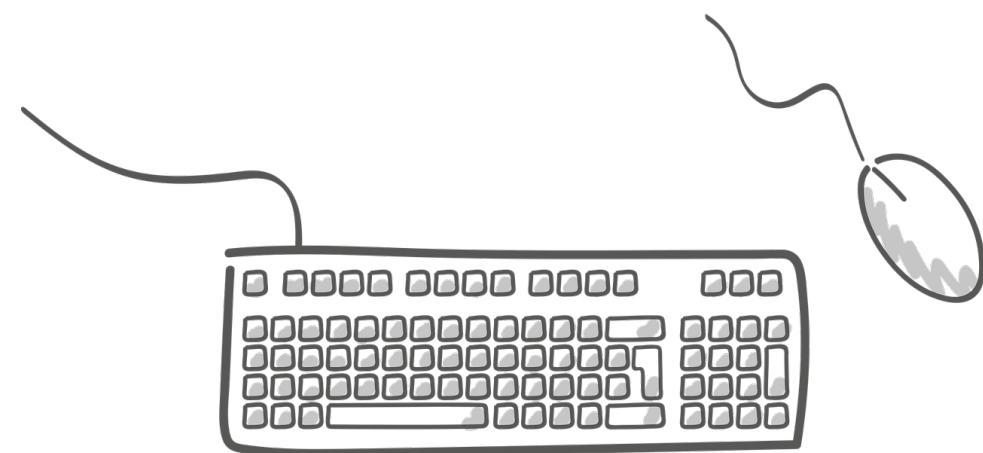
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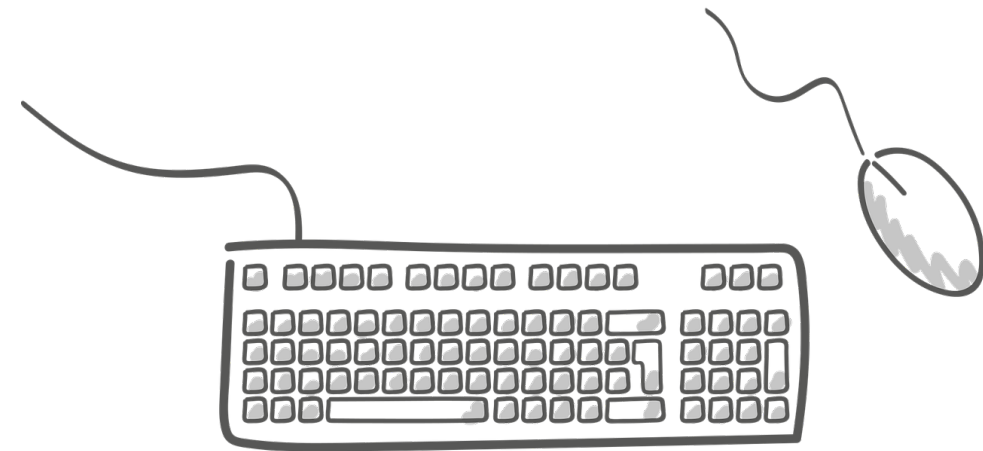
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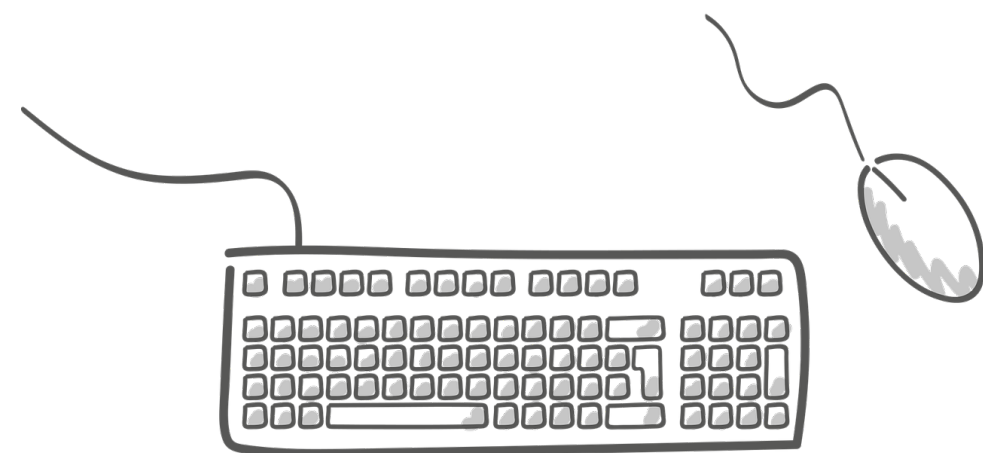
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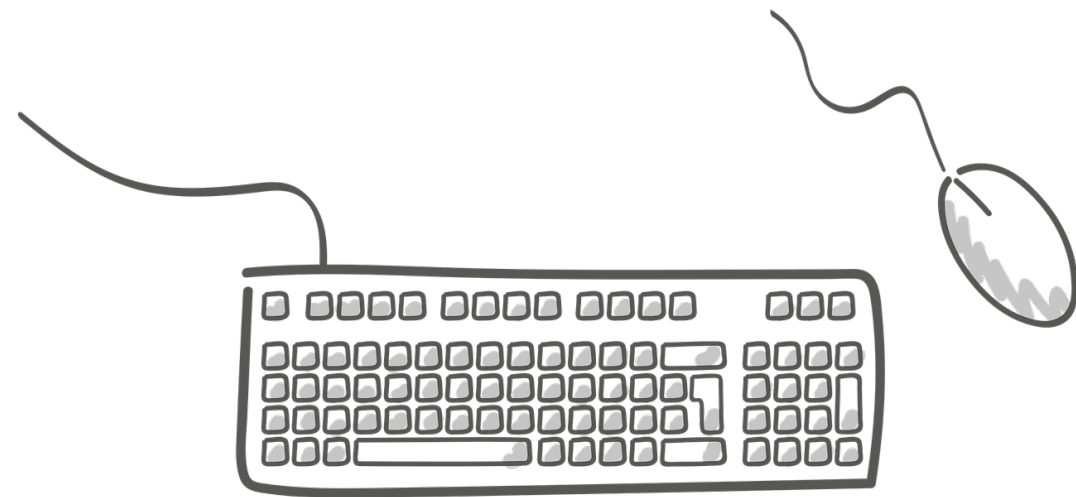
group: really good
groups: really good

```
>> re.search("really (good|nice)",  
...)
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(?: ...) - Non-Capturing Group

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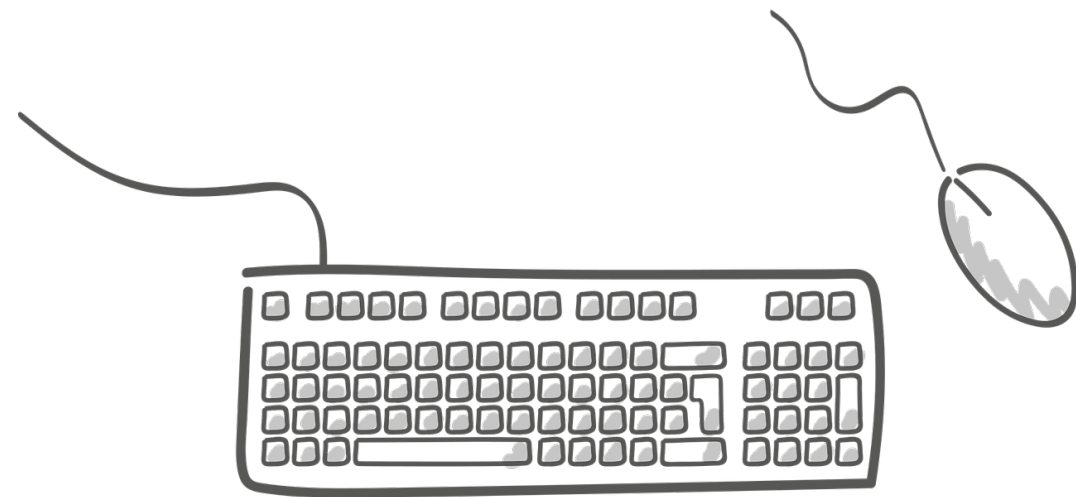
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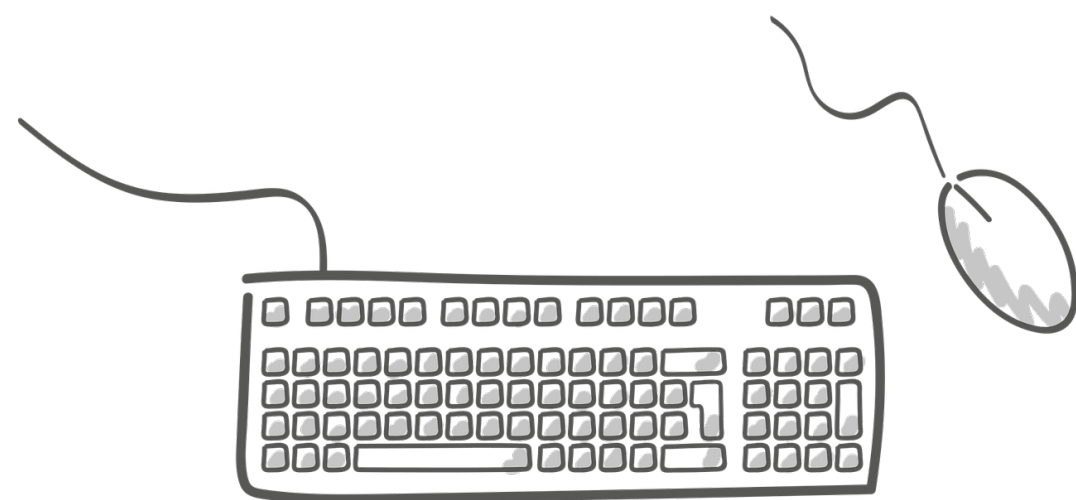
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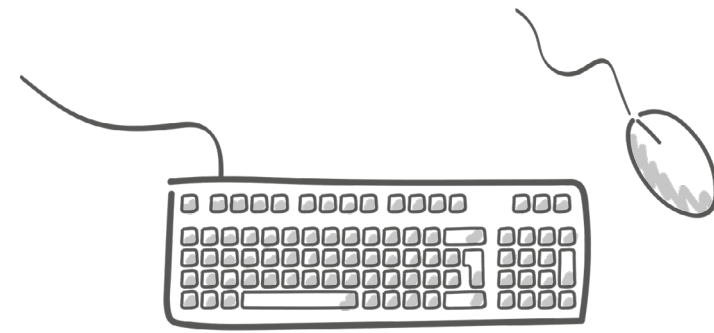
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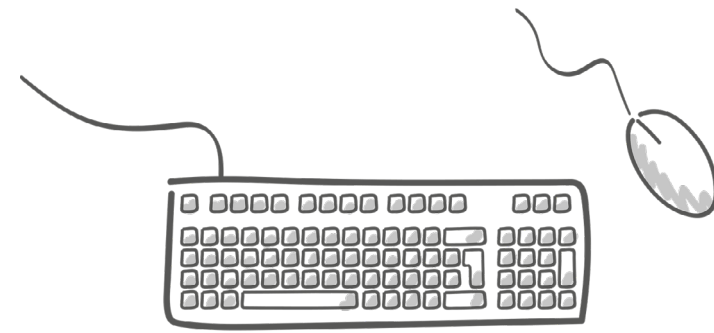
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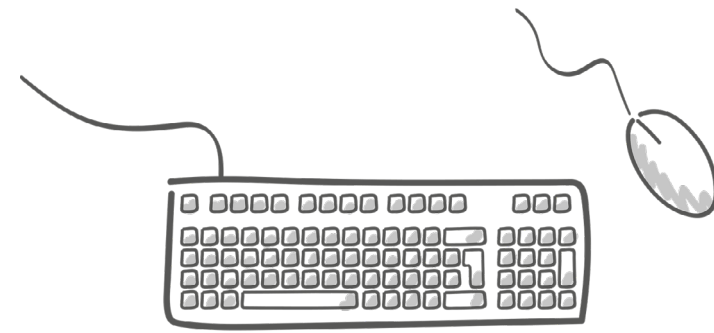
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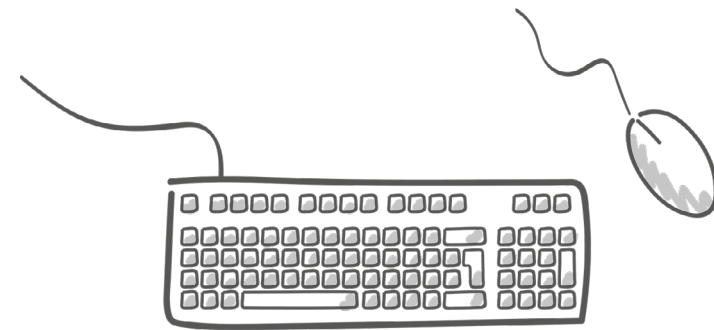
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```
>> re.search("go[a-z]+", "text with  
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no match / False
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'waaay'
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754-3010 Local

(**541**) 754-3010 Domestic

+1-**541**-754-3010 International

1-**541**-754-3010 Dialed in the US

001-**541**-754-3010 Dialed from Germany

191 **541** 754 3010 Dialed from France

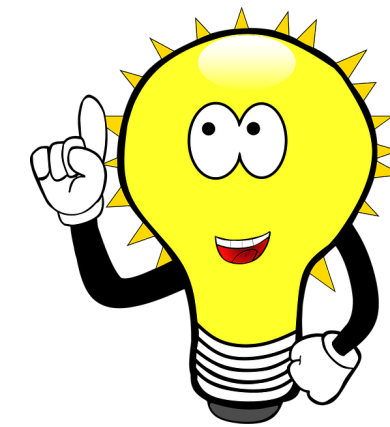
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>> re.search("...[0-9]{3}...", ...)
```




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>> re.search("[a-zA-Z0-9]+[a-z]*", ...)
```



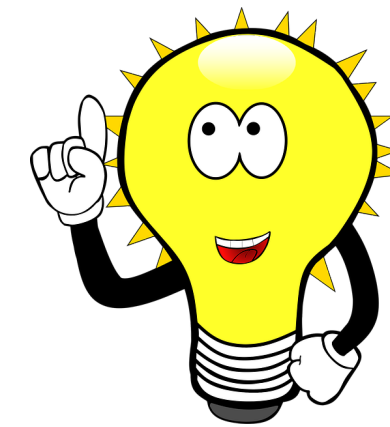
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Metacharacters



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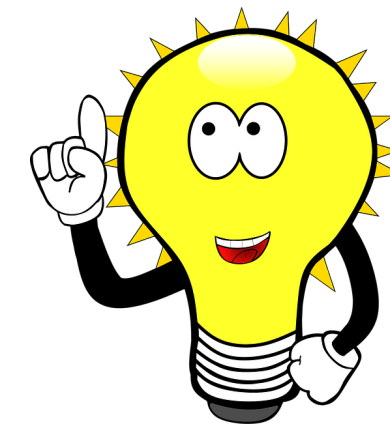
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match / True
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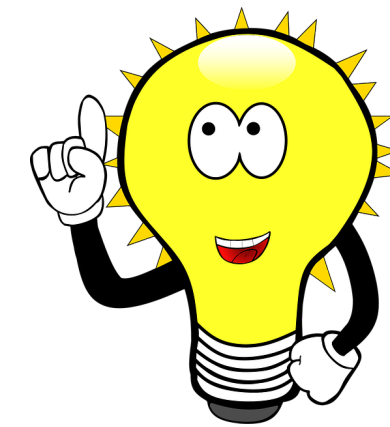
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\s - whitespace characters

```
>> re.match("\s+", "    ")  
match / True
```

```
>> re.match("google[^\d]*.com", "google.com")  
match / True
```

```
>> re.match("google[^\d]*.com", "google123.com")  
no match / False
```

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\W = [^\w] - no alphanumeric characters

\S = [^\s] - no whitespace characters

Regex Essentials

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```
>> re.search(".jpg", filename)
```

a.jpg

b.jpg

c.jpeg

d.png

nonjpg


...



```
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match / True
```

```
>> re.search("^good", "description is good")  
no match / False
```

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see: https://regexone.com/lesson/introduction_abcs + <https://regex101.com/>