

# REGULAR EXPRESSIONS In Python



CODANICS



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## Special Characters in Regex

- `.` - Period Means Any Character Except New Line
- `\d` - Digit (0-9)
- `\D` - Not a Digit (0-9)
- `\w` - Word Character (a-z, A-Z, 0-9, \_)
- `\W` - Not a Word Character
- `\s` - Whitespace (space, tab, newline)
- `\S` - Not Whitespace (space, tab, newline)
  
- `\b` - Word Boundary (No characters before it)
- `\B` - Not a Word Boundary (Has characters before it)
- `^` - Beginning of a string
- `$` - End of a string
  
- `[ ]` - Matches characters inside the bracket
- `[^ ]` - Not Matches characters inside the bracket
- `|` - Either **OR**
- `( )` - Group
  
- Quantifiers —
- `\*` - 0 or more
- `\+` - 1 or more
- `?` - 0 or 1
- `{3}` - Exact number of times
- `{3,4}` - Range of numbers

# Special Characters



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# Fetch Phone Numbers

```
# Sample TEXT
text = '''
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
coreyms.com
0336-7564851
0301.5672890
0333*1548769
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ. ^ $ * + ? { } [ ] \ | ( )
'''

# Import regex
import re

# Enter the pattern of the phone numbers
pattern = re.compile(r"\d{3}[-.*]\d{7}")

# Search for pattern in the TEXT
matches = pattern.findall(text)

# Loop to get the strings that matched the pattern
for numbers in matches:
    print(numbers)

# OUTPUT
0336-7564851
0301.5672890
0333*1548769
```



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# Fetch Email Addresses

```
# Sample TEXT of emails
emails = '''
CoreyMSchafer@gmail.com
corey.schafer@university.edu
corey-321-schafer@my-work.net
'''

# Import regex
import re

# Create a pattern to match all emails
pattern = re.compile(r"[*]@[*](\w|\.)*")
# search for pattern in the TEXT
matches = pattern.findall(emails)
# Loop to get the emails
for email in matches:
    print(email)

# OUTPUT
CoreyMSchafer@gmail.com
corey.schafer@university.edu
corey-321-schafer@my-work.net
```



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# Fetch Domain Names

```
# Sample TEXT with full address
urls = '''
https://www.google.com
http://coreyms.com
https://youtube.com
https://www.nasa.gov
'''

# Import Regex
import re
# Create a pattern to match entire address
pattern = re.compile(r"https?://(www\.)?(\w+\.\w+)")
# Find pattern in the TEXT
matches = pattern.findall(urls)
# Loop over the entire matches
for domain in matches:
    # We've used groups above in patter so print only group 2
    print(domain.group(2))

# OUTPUT
google.com
coreyms.com
youtube.com
nasa.gov
```



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# Ignore Specific Pattern

```
# Sample TEXT with full address
text = '''
cat
mat
rat
bat
'''

# Import Regex
import re
# Create a pattern that ignores the name BAT
pattern = re.compile(r"^[^b]at")
# Find pattern in the TEXT
matches = pattern.findall(text)
# Loop over the entire matches
for name in matches:
    print(name)

# OUTPUT
cat
mat
rat
```



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