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# The Scanner

- **The problem statement:**

Given a specification of valid symbols where symbols may consist of multiple characters...

...Is a given input (source code) in this specification, or in other words do the characters in the source file form valid symbols according to the specification?

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