03-Regular-Expressions

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1 Search/replace in Regular expression

• re.sub(regex, replacement, inputstring) replaces all occurences of regex into replacement in inputstring. If no match, original string is returned

- Replacement may refer to the matched groups as group id \1, \2, \3.
- $\g<1> \g<2>$, ... can be used as well. $\g<0>$ is the whole matched string.
- \g<groupname> syntax substitues the named groups.

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In [10]: print(re.sub("([A-Za-z]+)([A-Za-z]+)","\\2 \\1", "onur tolga"))
        print(re.sub("^([A-Za-z]+) ([A-Za-z]+)$","hello '\g<0>', how are you",
                     "onur tolga"))
        print(re.sub("^(?P<name>[A-Za-z]+) (?P<sname>[A-Za-z]+)$",
                     "\g<sname> \g<name>\g<sname>", "onur tolga"))
        print(re.sub("^(?P<name>[a-z]+) (?P<mname>[a-z]+)?(?P<sname>[a-z]+)$",
                    "\g<sname>, \g<name> (\g<mname>)",
                     "onur tolga sehitoglu"))
        print(re.sub("^(?P<name>[a-z]+) (?P<mname>[a-z]+)?(?P<sname>[a-z]+)$",
                    "\g<sname>, \g<name> \g<mname>",
                     "onur sehitoglu"))
tolga onur
hello 'onur tolga', how are you
tolga onur onurtolga
sehitoglu, onur (tolga)
sehitoglu, onur
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• Substitution can be a function. In that case, match object will be sent to the function as parameter. String returned by the function is the result of the substitution.

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In [11]: # function substitution
         def convert(m):
             '''replace name middle surname as surname, n. m.'''
             res = m.group('sname')
             res += ', '
             res += m.group('name')[0] + "."
             if m.group('mname'):
                 res += " " + m.group('mname')[0] + "."
             return res
         print(re.sub("^(?P<name>[a-z]+) (?P<mname>[a-z]+)?(?P<sname>[a-z]+)$",
                     convert, "onur tolga sehitoglu"))
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(0, 20), match='onur tolga sehitoglu'>
sehitoglu, o. t.
In [20]: ipmatch='([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2,2}|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\\.([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{
         ipre = re.compile(ipmatch)
         def tolist(m):
             ret = ""
             for v in m.groups():
                ret += str(int(v)+1) + "."
             return ret
         ipre.sub(tolist,"144.122.71.1")
Out[20]: '145.123.72.2.'
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2 Input sanitization/validation

- Validate all user input
- validate as early as possible
- Validate in all interfaces, revalidate as necessary