:mod:`fnmatch` --- Unix filename pattern matching

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.. module:: fnmatch
    :synopsis: Unix shell style filename pattern matching.
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Source code: :source:`Lib/finmatch.py`

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.. index:: single: filenames; wildcard expansion
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.. index:: module: re
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This module provides support for Unix shell-style wildcards, which are *not* the same as regular expressions (which are documented in the :mod:'re' module). The special characters used in shell-style wildcards are:

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    single: * (asterisk); in glob-style wildcards
    single: ? (question mark); in glob-style wildcards
    single: [] (square brackets); in glob-style wildcards
    single: ! (exclamation); in glob-style wildcards
    single: - (minus); in glob-style wildcards
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Pattern	Meaning
*	matches everything
?	matches any single character
[seq]	matches any character in seq
[!seq]	matches any character not in seq

For a literal match, wrap the meta-characters in brackets. For example, '[?]' matches the character '?'.

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.. index:: module: glob
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Note that the filename separator ('/' on Unix) is *not* special to this module. See module mod: glob` for pathname expansion (mod: glob` uses :func:`.filter` to match pathname segments). Similarly, filenames starting with a period are not special for this module, and are matched by the * and ? patterns.

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Also note that :func: functools.lru_cache` with the *maxsize* of 32768 is used to cache the compiled regex patterns in the following functions: :func: finnatch', :func: finnatchcase', :func: filter'.

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.. function:: fnmatch(filename, pattern)
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Test whether the *filename* string matches the *pattern* string, returning :const:`True` or :const:`False`. Both parameters are case-normalized using :func:`os.path.normcase`. :func:`fnmatchcase` can be used to perform a case-sensitive comparison, regardless of whether that's standard for the operating system.

This example will print all file names in the current directory with the extension ``.txt``::

```
import fnmatch
import os

for file in os.listdir('.'):
    if fnmatch.fnmatch(file, '*.txt'):
        print(file)
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.. function:: fnmatchcase(filename, pattern)

Test whether *filename* matches *pattern*, returning :const:`True` or :const:`False`; the comparison is case-sensitive and does not apply :func:`os.path.normcase`.
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.. function:: filter(names, pattern)

Construct a list from those elements of the iterable *names* that match *pattern*. It is the same

``[n for n in names if fnmatch(n, pattern)]``, but implemented more efficiently.
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.. function:: translate(pattern)

Return the shell-style *pattern* converted to a regular expression for using with :func:`re.match`.

Example:

>>> import fnmatch, re
>>>
>>> regex = fnmatch.translate('*.txt')
>>> regex
'(?s:.*\\.txt)\\Z'
>>> reobj = re.compile(regex)
>>> reobj.match('foobar.txt')
<re.Match object; span=(0, 10), match='foobar.txt'>
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.. seealso::
    Module :mod:`glob`
        Unix shell-style path expansion.
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