

## Regular Expression :

If we want to represent a group of strings according to a particular pattern, then we should go for regular expression.

- ex., 1) to represent all mobile numbers.
- 2) to represent all mail id's

The main important application areas :

1. to develop validation frameworks.
2. to develop pattern matching applications (Ctrl+F in windows, grep in UNIX)
3. to develop translators like compilers, interpreters and assemblers etc.
4. to develop digital circuits like Moore and Mealy machines.
5. to develop communication protocols like TCP/IP, UDP etc.,

## Pattern :-

- A pattern object represents a compiled version of Regular Expression.
- We can create a pattern object by using compile() of pattern class.
- Syntax : public static Pattern compile(String regularExpression);
- Ex., Pattern p = Pattern.compile("ab");

## Matcher :-

- We can use Matcher object to match the given pattern in the target string.
- We can create Matcher Object by using matcher() of pattern class.
- Syntax :- public Matcher matcher(String target);
- Ex., Matcher m = p.matcher("ababbab");

## Methods of Matcher class :

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1. boolean find() :- It attempts to find next match and returns true if it is available, otherwise returns false.
2. int start() :- returns start index of the match.
3. int end() :- returns end +1 index of the match.
4. String group() :- returns the matched pattern.

Note:- Pattern and Matcher classes present in java.util.regex package and introduced in 1.4 version of java.

## Character classes :-

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1. [abc] - Either a OR b OR c
2. [^abc] - Except a, b and c
3. [a-z] - Any lower case alphabet symbol.
4. [A-Z] - Any upper case alphabet symbol.
5. [a-zA-Z] - Any alphabet symbol.

6. [0-9] - Any digit from 0 to 9
7. [a-zA-Z0-9] - Any alpha numeric symbol
8. [^a-zA-Z0-9] - Except alpha numeric symbol (special characters)

Pre-defined character classes :-

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1. \s - Space character
2. \S - Any character except space
3. \d - Any digit from [0-9]
4. \D - Any character except digit
5. \w - Any word character [any alpha numeric character][a-zA-Z0-9]
6. \W - Except word character (special character)
7. . - Any symbol including special character also.

Quantifiers :-

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- We can use quantifiers to specify number of occurrences to match

1. a - Exactly one a
2. a+ - Atleast one a
3. a\* - Any number of a's including zero number also
4. a? - Atmost one a

String Class split() :-

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- String class also contains split() to Split the given target string according to particular pattern.

Note : In pattern class - If u want to split string from where . character preset for that use "\\." or "[.]"

Pattern class split() can take target string as an argument where as string class split() can take regular expression as an argument.

StringTokenizer :-

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- It is the specially designed class for tokenization activity.
- this class present in java.util package.
- Note : the default regular expression of StringTokenizer is space .
- Example :

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StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer("11-06-2000", "-");
while(st.hasMoreTokens()) {
    print(st.nextToken());
}
```

Write a regular expression to represent all 10-digit mobile numbers  
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Rules :  
- Every number should contain exactly 10 digits  
- the 1st digit should be 7 or 8 or 9

Answer :

[7-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]  
OR  
[7-9][0-9]{9}  
OR  
[789][0-9]{9}

10 Digit or 11 digit :  
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0?[7-9][0-9]{9}  
here ? is quantifier : 0 is 1 time or 0 time

10 digit or 11 digit or 12 digit :  
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(0|91)?[7-9][0-9]{9}  
here ? is quantifier : 0 or 91 is 1 time or 0 time

Write a regular expression to represent all valid mail id's :  
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[a-zA-Z0-9][a-zA-Z0-9\_.\*]\*@[a-zA-Z0-9]+([.][a-zA-Z]+)+

only gmail id's :  
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[a-zA-Z0-9][a-zA-Z0-9\_.\*]\*@gmail[.]com

Write a regular expression to represent all valid java(any language or  
own) language identifiers :  
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Rules :  
- the allowed character are a-z, A-Z, 0-9, #, and \$.  
- length of identifier should be at least 2.

- 1st character should be lower case alphabetical symbol from a To k.
- 2nd character should be digit divisible by 3 (0, 3, 6, 9)

`[a-k][0369][a-zA-Z0-9#\$]*`

represent all names starts with a or A  
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`[aA][a-zA-Z]*`

represent all names ends with l or L  
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`[a-zA-Z]*[lL]`

represent all names starts with a or A and ends with l or L  
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`[aA][a-zA-Z]*[lL]`

- 1) WAP to check whether the given number is a valid mobile number or not
- 2) WAP to check whether the given mail id is valid or not?
- 3) WAP to extract all valid mobile numbers present in the given txt file where numbers are mixed with normal text data?
- 4) WAP to extract all valid mail id's present in the given text file where mail id's are mixed with normal text data
- 5) WAP to display all .txt file names present in given path