

re methods

First of all, small addition to flags

What if you want to use several flags?

That's not enough!

```
pat = re.compile(r'abc', flags=re.I)
```

```
pat = re.compile(r'abc', flags=re.M)
```

Just or them!

```
pat = re.compile(r'abc', flags=re.I | re.M)
```

re.I

<RegexFlag.IGNORECASE: 2>

re.M

<RegexFlag.MULTILINE: 8>

re.I | re.M

<RegexFlag.MULTILINE|IGNORECASE: 10>

Other re methods

We haven't covered these ones yet

- `split(pattern, string, maxsplit=0, flags=0)` - split string by the pattern, if `maxsplit > 0`, perform only specified number of splits
- `sub(pattern, repl, string, count=0, flags=0)` - substitute parts of string matched with pattern on `repl`, if `count > 0`, perform only specified number of substitutions. `repl` could also be a function taking match object and returning a string
- `subn(pattern, repl, string, count=0, flags=0)` - as previous method, returns tuple with new string and number of substitutions made

If you have a compiled pattern omit pattern parameter in these methods

```
import re
```

```
s = 'Some string with punctuation... with not so  
    much punctuation to be honest'
```

```
# Define a pattern
```

```
pat = re.compile(r'[\s\.]+'
```

```
# Split text by spaces and dots
```

```
pat.split(s)
```

```
['Some', 'string', 'with', 'punctuation', 'with',  
 'not', 'so', 'much', 'punctuation', 'to', 'be',  
 'honest']
```

```
pat.sub('!', s)
```

```
'Some!string!with!punctuation!with!not!so!much!punctuation!to  
!be!honest'
```

```
pat.sub('!', s, 5)
```

```
'Some!string!with!punctuation!with!not so much punctuation to  
be honest'
```

```
pat.subn('!', s)
```

```
('Some!string!with!punctuation!with!not!so!much!punctuation!to  
!be!honest', 11)
```

```
def dot_to_dash(m):  
    """  
    Replace matches with dots to ' - ' and other matches to '_'  
    :param m: re match object  
    :return: str  
    """  
    if '.' in m.group(0):  
        return ' - '  
    return '_'
```

```
pat.sub(dot_to_dash, s)  
'Some_string_with_punctuation -  
with_not_so_much_punctuation_to_be_honest'
```