

## ## 1. What is the name of the feature responsible for generating Regex objects?

**Ans:-** `compile()` feature is responsible for generating RegEx objects.

**For Example** In below example a pattern object is created using `compile()`

```
In [22]: import re
my_string = "shri@gmail.com"
pattern = re.compile(r"([a-zA-Z]+)@([a-zA-Z]+\.[a-zA-Z]+)")

matches = pattern.finditer(my_string)
for match in matches:
    print(match.group(0))

shri@gmail.com
```

## 2. Why do raw strings often appear in Regex objects?

**Ans:-** RegEx use the backslash ("`\`") for Metacharacters [`^`, `$`, `*`, `+`, `?`, `{}`, `|`, `( )`] or special sequences [`s`, `\S`, `w`, `\W`, etc]. But in python ("`\`") is also used to escape characters. so to avoid this we use raw strings.

**For example**

```
In [34]: s = "\tramesh"
print(s)
s1 = r"\tramesh"
print(s1)

      ramesh
\tramesh
```

## 3. What is the return value of the `search()` method?

**Ans:-** Return value of a `search()` method is a `match` object or `None` if no match found.

**For Example**

```
In [35]: my_string = "shubham@gmail.com"
pattern = re.compile(r"([a-zA-Z]+)@([a-zA-Z]+\.[a-zA-Z]+)")

match = pattern.search(my_string)
print(match)

<re.Match object; span=(0, 17), match='shubham@gmail.com'>
```

```
In [36]: my_string = "shubham@gmail.com"
pattern = re.compile(r"^rty")

match = pattern.search(my_string)
print(match)
```

None

#### 4. From a Match item, how do you get the actual strings that match the pattern?

**Ans:-** group() method is used to get the actual strings that match object.

##### For Example

```
In [37]: my_string = "shubham@1234"
pattern = re.compile(r"@d+")

match = pattern.search(my_string)
print(match.group(0))
```

@1234

#### 5. In the regex which created from the r'(\d\d\d)-(\d\d\d-\d\d\d\d)', what does group zero cover? Group 2? Group 1?

**Ans:-**

1. group(0) covers entire pattern i.e. (\d\d\d)-(\d\d\d-\d\d\d\d)
2. group(1) covers first part i.e. (\d\d\d)
3. group(2) covers second part i.e. (\d\d\d-\d\d\d\d)

##### For Example

```
In [38]: my_str = """
999-345-3456
1234-123-345
123-4565-456
"""

pattern = re.compile(r"(\d\d\d)-(\d\d\d-\d\d\d\d)")

matches = pattern.finditer(my_str)

for match in matches:
    print("group zero:\t",match.group(0))
    print("group one:\t",match.group(1))
    print("group two:\t",match.group(2))
```

group zero: 999-345-3456  
group one: 999  
group two: 345-3456

## 6. In standard expression syntax, parentheses and intervals have distinct meanings. How can you tell a regex that you want it to fit real parentheses and periods?

**Ans:-** '\(' along with parenthesis and period will be used to fit real parentheses and periods in a RegEx pattern.

**For Example** '\(' , '\)' and '\.'

```
In [39]: my_str = """
999-(345)-3456.
1234-123-345
123-4565-456
"""

pattern = re.compile(r"(\d\d\d)-(\d\d\d\d)-\d\d\d\d\d\d\d\d\d\d")

matches = pattern.finditer(my_str)

for match in matches:
    print(match.group(0))
```

999-(345)-3456.

## 7. The findall() method returns a string list or a list of string tuples. What causes it to return one of the two options?

**Ans** If RegEx object has no groups then a list containing matching strings is returned. whereas if group is present then a list containing tuple of strings is returned.

**For Example**

```
In [40]: my_str = """
999-345-3456
"""

pattern1 = re.compile(r"(\d\d\d)-(\d\d\d-\d\d\d\d)")
match1 = pattern1.findall(my_str)
print(match1)

pattern2 = re.compile(r"\d\d\d-\d\d\d-\d\d\d\d")
match2 = pattern2.findall(my_str)
print(match2)
```

```
[('999', '345-3456')]
['999-345-3456']
```

## 8. In standard expressions, what does the | character mean?

**Ans:-** | character means or in standard expression.

## 9. In regular expressions, what does the character stand for?

**Ans:-** ? stands for "zero or one occurrences and is used when a character can be optional" in regular expression.

**For Example** In below example ? is used to make . optional

```
In [41]: my_string = """
Mr. Kumar
Mrs Kumar
Mr Abhishek
Ms. jeetisha
"""

pattern = re.compile(r"(Mr|Ms|Mrs)\.?\s\w+")
matches = pattern.finditer(my_string)

for match in matches:
    print(match)
```

```
<re.Match object; span=(1, 10), match='Mr. Kumar'>
<re.Match object; span=(11, 20), match='Mrs Kumar'>
<re.Match object; span=(21, 32), match='Mr Abhishek'>
<re.Match object; span=(33, 45), match='Ms. jeetisha'>
```

## 10. In regular expressions, what is the difference between the + and \* characters?

**Ans:-** + and \* are both quantifiers

1. + indicates one or more occurrences of a preceding group.
2. \* indicates zero or more occurrences of a preceding group.

### For Example

```
In [42]: my_string = "Wonderman"

patt1 = re.compile(r"Wonder(wo)+man")

match1 = patt1.search(my_string)
print(match1)

patt2 = re.compile(r"Wonder(wo)*man")

match2 = patt2.search(my_string)
print(match2)
```

None

<re.Match object; span=(0, 9), match='Wonderman'>

## 11. What is the difference between {4} and {4,5} in regular expression?

Ans:-

1. {4} This means that the preceding character or group should occur 4 times.
2. {4,5} This means that the preceding character or group should occur minimum 4 times and maximum 5 times.

### For Example

```
In [43]: string1 = "2022-08-26"

pattern1 = re.compile(r"\d{4}-\d{1,3}-\d{2}")

match = pattern1.findall(string1)
print(match)
```

['2022-08-26']

## 12. What do you mean by the \d, \w, and \s shorthand character classes signify in regular expressions?

Ans:

1. \d : Matches any digit; this is equivalent to the class [0-9].
2. \s : Matches any whitespace character;
3. \w : Matches any alphanumeric (word) character; this is equivalent to the class [a-zA-Z0-9\_].

### 13. What do means by \D, \W, and \S shorthand character classes signify in regular expressions?

**Ans:-**

1. \D : Matches any non-digit character; this is equivalent to the class `[^0-9]`.
2. \S : Matches any non-whitespace character;
3. \W : Matches any non-alphanumeric character; this is equivalent to the class `[^a-zA-Z0-9_]`.

### 14. What is the difference between `.?` and `.*`?

**\*Ans:-** `.*` is a non greedy mode which returns the shortest string that matches the pattern. Whereas `.*` is a Greedy mode, which returns the longest string that matches the pattern.

### 15. What is the syntax for matching both numbers and lowercase letters with a character class?

**Ans:-** `re.compile(r"[a-z0-9]")` or `re.compile(r"[0-9a-z]")` is the syntax for matching both numbers and lowercase letters with a character class

### 16. What is the procedure for making a Ans:- IGNORECASE ( `re.IGNORECASE` or `re.I` ) flag can be used to make normal expression in regex case insensitive.

**For Example**

```
In [44]: string = "ShUbHaM"

pattern = re.compile(r"shubham", re.I)

match = pattern.findall(string)
print(match)

['ShUbHaM']
```

### 17. What does the `.` character normally match? What does it match if `re.DOTALL` is passed as 2nd argument in `re.compile()`?

**Ans:-**

1. `.` character matches any character except newline character.
2. `re.DOTALL` is a flag that is used to match any character including newline character.

**18. If `numReg = re.compile(r'\d+')`, what will `numRegex.sub('X', '11 drummers, 10 pipers, five rings, 4 hen')` return?**

**Ans:-** It will return 'X drummers, X pipers, X rings, X hen' **Below is the execution of code**

```
In [45]: numReg = re.compile(r'\d+')
numReg.sub('X', '11 drummers, 10 pipers, five rings, 4 hen')
```

```
Out[45]: 'X drummers, X pipers, five rings, X hen'
```

**19. What does passing `re.VERBOSE` as the 2nd argument to `re.compile()` allow to do?**

**Ans:-** `re.VERBOSE` or `re.X` flag enables us to pass pattern as multiline comment and include whitespace.

**For Example**

```
In [46]: emails = """
pythonengineer@gmail.com
Python-engineer@gmx.de
python-engineer123@my-domain.org
"""
# return all emails
```

```
In [47]: # without VERBOSE

pattern = re.compile(r"[a-zA-z0-9-]+@[a-zA-Z-]+\.(com|de|org)")
matches = pattern.finditer(emails)

for match in matches:
    print(match.group(0))

pythonengineer@gmail.com
Python-engineer@gmx.de
python-engineer123@my-domain.org
```

```
In [48]: # with VERBOSE

pattern = re.compile(r"""[a-zA-Z0-9-]+
                        @
                        [a-zA-Z-]+
                        \.
                        (com|de|org)
                        """, re.X)
matches = pattern.finditer(emails)

for match in matches:
    print(match.group(0))
```

```
pythonengineer@gmail.com
Python-engineer@gmx.de
python-engineer123@my-domain.org
```

## 20. How would you write a regex that match a number with comma for every three digits? It must match the given following:

'42'

'1,234'

'6,368,745'

but not the following:

'12,34,567' (which has only two digits between the commas)

'1234' (which lacks commas)

**Ans:-**

```
In [49]: l = ['42', '1,234', '6,368,745', '12,34,567', '1234']

pattern = re.compile(r"^\d{1,2}(\,\d{3})*$")
for i in l:
    match = pattern.search(i)
    print(match)
```

```
<re.Match object; span=(0, 2), match='42'>
<re.Match object; span=(0, 5), match='1,234'>
<re.Match object; span=(0, 9), match='6,368,745'>
None
None
```

## 21. How would you write a regex that matches the full name of someone whose last name is Watanabe? You can assume that the first name that comes before it will



**always be one word that begins with a capital letter. The regex must match the following:**

'Haruto Watanabe'

'Alice Watanabe'

'RoboCop Watanabe'

but not the following:

'haruto Watanabe' (where the first name is not capitalized)

'Mr. Watanabe' (where the preceding word has a nonletter character)

'Watanabe' (which has no first name)

'Haruto watanabe' (where Watanabe is not capitalized)

**Ans:**

```
In [18]: names = ['Haruto Watanabe', 'Alice Watanabe', 'RoboCop Watanabe', 'haruto Watanabe', 'Watanabe', 'Haruto watanabe']

pattern = re.compile(r"([A-Z]{1}[a-z]*|[A-Z]{1}[a-z]*[A-Z]{1}[a-z]*)\sW{1}[a-z]*")

for name in names:
    match = pattern.search(name)
    print(match)

<re.Match object; span=(0, 15), match='Haruto Watanabe'>
<re.Match object; span=(0, 14), match='Alice Watanabe'>
<re.Match object; span=(0, 16), match='RoboCop Watanabe'>
None
None
None
None
```

**22. How would you write a regex that matches a sentence where the first word is either Alice, Bob, or Carol; the second word is either eats, pets, or throws; the third word is apples, cats, or baseballs; and the sentence ends with a period? This regex should be case-insensitive. It must match the following:**

'Alice eats apples.'

'Bob pets cats.'

'Carol throws baseballs.'

'Alice throws Apples.'

'BOB EATS CATS.'

but not the following:

'RoboCop eats apples.'

'ALICE THROWS FOOTBALLS.'

'Carol eats 7 cats.'

**Ans:**

```
In [19]: sentences = ['Alice eats apples.', 'Bob pets cats.', 'Carol throws baseballs.', 'BOB EATS CATS.', 'RoboCop eats apples.', 'ALICE THROWS FOOTBALLS.', 'Carol eats 7 cats.'],

pattern = re.compile(r"(Alice|Bob|Carol)\s(eats|pets|throws)\s(apples|cats|baseballs)")

for i in sentences:
    match = pattern.search(i)
    print(match)

<re.Match object; span=(0, 18), match='Alice eats apples.'>
<re.Match object; span=(0, 14), match='Bob pets cats.'>
<re.Match object; span=(0, 23), match='Carol throws baseballs.'>
<re.Match object; span=(0, 20), match='Alice throws Apples.'>
<re.Match object; span=(0, 14), match='BOB EATS CATS.'>
None
None
None
```

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