

<u>Basics &amp; Meta Characters</u>	
<b>Goal:</b> Understand what regex is and learn the fundamental building blocks.	
.	Any new character except \n
^	Start of String
\$	End of String
\d,\D	Digit/Non Digit
\w,\W	Word Char/Non Word Char
\s,\S	Space / Non-space
[ ]	Character Set
	OR

<u>Quantifiers</u>		
<b>Goal:</b> Learn how to match repeated patterns.		
*	0 or more	Matches the preceding character/pattern <b>zero or more times</b> .
+	1 or more	Matches the preceding character/pattern <b>at least once</b> .
?	0 or 1	Matches the preceding character/pattern <b>zero or one time</b> .
{n}	Exactly n	Matches the preceding character/pattern <b>exactly n times</b> .
{n,}	n or more	Matches the preceding character/pattern <b>at least n times</b> .
{n,m}	Between n and m	Matches the preceding character/pattern <b>between n and m times</b> (inclusive).

<u>Groups &amp; Capturing</u>		
<b>Goal:</b> Extract specific parts from matches.		
<b>()</b>	Capturing Group	Captures the matched text inside the parentheses.
<b>(?: )</b>	Non-capturing group	Groups things <b>without</b> capturing the match in <code>.groups()</code> .
<b>(?P&lt;name&gt; )</b>	Named group	Gives the group a name for easy access.
<b>.group()</b> ,		
<b>.groups()</b> ,		
<b>.groupdict()</b>		

<u>Anchors, Boundaries &amp; Flags</u>		
<b>Goal:</b> Control where matches happen and tweak behavior.		
<b>^,\$</b>	Anchors	match <b>positions</b>
<b>\b</b>	Boundaries	word boundary (transition between word char and non-word char)
<b>\B</b>		NOT a word boundary
<b>re.IGNORECASE</b>		(case-insensitive)
<b>re.MULTILINE</b>		<b>^</b> and <b>\$</b> apply to every line
<b>re.DOTALL</b>		<b>.</b> matches newlines too

<u>Lookarounds (Advanced)</u>		
<b>Goal:</b> Match patterns based on what comes before/after without including it.		
<b>(?=)</b>	Positive Lookahead	Matches something <b>only if it is followed by</b> another pattern.
<b>(?! )</b>	Negative Lookahead	Matches something <b>only if it is NOT followed by</b> another pattern.
<b>(?&lt;=)</b>	Positive Lookbehind	Matches something <b>only if it is preceded by</b> another pattern.
<b>(?&lt;! )</b>	Negative Lookbehind	Matches something <b>only if it is NOT preceded by</b> another pattern.

### Python Regex Functions

**Goal:** Use the re module like a pro.

<b>re.match()</b>	Tries to match a pattern <b>only at the beginning</b> of the string.
<b>re.search()</b>	Searches the <b>entire string</b> for the first match.
<b>re.findall()</b>	Returns <b>all matches</b> as a list of strings.
<b>re.finditer()</b>	Returns <b>all matches</b> as <b>match objects</b> (iterator).
<b>re.sub()</b>	Replace all matches with another string.
<b>re.split()</b>	Splits a string by regex pattern.