

Regex in Python

Some functions in regex:

Function	Description
<u>findall</u>	Returns a list containing all matches
<u>search</u>	Returns a <u>Match object</u> if there is a match anywhere in the string
<u>split</u>	Returns a list where the string has been split at each match
<u>sub</u>	Replaces one or many matches with a string

The module to be used –re

Some regex are:

1. Metacharacters

[A set of characters	"[a-m]"
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\	Signals a special sequence (can also be used to escape special characters)	"\d"
.	Any character (except newline character)	"he..o"
^	Starts with	"^hello"
\$	Ends with	"planet \$"
*	Zero or more occurrences	"he.*o"

+ One or more occurrences	"he.+o"
? Zero or one occurrences	"he.?o"
{ Exactly the specified number of occurrences }	"he.{2} o"
Either or	"falls stays"

Char acter	Description	Exam ple	Try it
\A	Returns a match if the specified characters are at the beginning of the string	"\AThe "	
\b	Returns a match where the specified characters are at the beginning or at the end of a word (the "r" in the beginning is making sure that the string is being treated as a "raw string")	r"\bain " r"ain\b "	
\B	Returns a match where the specified characters are present, but NOT at the beginning (or at the end) of a word (the "r" in the beginning is making sure that the string is being treated as a "raw string")	r"\Bain " r"ain\B "	
\d	Returns a match where the string contains digits (numbers from 0-9)	"\d"	
\D	Returns a match where the string DOES NOT contain digits	"\D"	
\s	Returns a match where the string contains a white space character	"\s"	

\S	Returns a match where the string DOES NOT contain a white space character	"\S"
\w	Returns a match where the string contains any word characters (characters from a to Z, digits from 0-9, and the underscore _ character)	"\w"
\W	Returns a match where the string DOES NOT contain any word characters	"\W"
\Z	Returns a match if the specified characters are at the end of the string	"Spain \Z"