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Groups



Searching for pattern matches is the basis of the powerful capabilities provided by regular expressions. Adding groups to a pattern isolates parts of the matching text, expanding those capabilities to create a parser. Groups are defined by enclosing patterns in parentheses ((and)).

For the names example we were seeing

If the pattern is written as `re.compile(r'M(r|s|rs)\.?\s[A-Z]\w*')`

The above will print all the names we were discussing

`re.compile(r'(Mr|Ms|Mrs)\.?\s[A-Z]\w*')`

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Another Example:

```
import re
text=""
Mr. Sachin
Mr Virat
Mrs Karanam
Ms Sindhu
Mr. R

'''

pattern = re.compile(r'(Mr|Ms|Mrs)\.?\s[A-Z]\w*')
matches=pattern.finditer(text)
for match in matches:
    print(match)
```

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```
emails=""  
ramadevi@gmail.com  
rama.devi@pes.edu  
p-rama-devi@my-work.net  
""
```

```
pattern = re.compile(r'[a-zA-Z.]+@[a-zA-Z]+\.(com|edu)')  
matches=pattern.finditer(emails)  
for match in matches:  
    print(match)
```

Output:

```
ramadevi@gmail.com  
rama.devi@pes.edu  
p-rama-devi@my-work.net
```

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```
urls=
```

```
''
```

```
https://www.google.com
```

```
http://ramadevi.com
```

```
https://pep.com
```

```
https://www.isro.gov
```

Question: we want to capture domain name and top level domain name

Example: google.com

If we use `re.compile(r'https?:/(www\.)?\w+\.\w+')`

Output all 4 will be matched. Lets see how to get the answer for the question

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```
pattern=re.compile(r'https?:/(www\.)?(\w+)(\.\w+)')
matches=pattern.finditer(urls)
for match in matches:
    print(match.group(2))
```

Output will be for domain

match.group(3) will give top level domain

match.group(0)

Will give all the matches

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We can use back references for the previous example called as substitution

```
pattern=re.compile(r'https?:/(www\.)?(\w+)(\.\w+)')
subbed_urls=pattern.sub(r'\2\3',urls)
print(subbed_urls)
```

Here \2,\3 are back references
i.e domain and top level domain information is printed

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THANK YOU

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