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Chapter 13: Regular Expression

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Regular Expression

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Introduction

A Regular Expression is a expression which represents a group of Strings according to a particular pattern.

Example:

- We can write a Regular Expression to represent all valid mail ids.
- We can write a Regular Expression to represent all valid mobile numbers.

The main important application areas of Regular Expression are:

- To implement validation logic.
- To develop Pattern matching applications.
- To develop translators like compilers, interpreters etc.
- To develop digital circuits.
- To develop communication protocols like TCP/IP, UDP etc.

```
Example:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
      public static void main(String[] args)
      {
            int count=0;
            Pattern p=Pattern.compile("ab");
            Matcher m=p.matcher("abbbabbaba");
            while(m.find())
            {
            count++;
            System.out.println(m.start()+"------"+m.end()+"--
----"+m.group());
            }
            System.out.println("The no of occurences
:"+count);
      }
}
Output:
0------2------ab
4------6------ab
7------9------ab
The no of occurrences: 3
```

Pattern class:

- A Pattern object represents "compiled version of Regular Expression".
- We can create a Pattern object by using compile() method of Pattern class.

public static Pattern compile(String regex);

Example:

```
Pattern p=Pattern.compile("ab");
```

Note: if we refer API we will get more information about pattern class.

Matcher:

A Matcher object can be used to match character sequences against a Regular Expression.
We can create a Matcher object by using matcher() method of Pattern class.

```
public Matcher matcher(String target);
          Matcher m=p.matcher("abbbabbaba");
```

Important methods of Matcher class:

1. **boolean find();**
   It attempts to find next match and returns true if it is available otherwise returns false.

2. int start();
   Returns the start index of the match.
3. int end();
   Returns the offset(equalize) after the last character matched.(or)
   Returns the "end+1" index of the matched.
4. String group();
   Returns the matched Pattern.

Note: Pattern and Matcher classes are available in java.util.regex package, and introduced in 1.4 version

Character classes:

1. [abc]----------Either 'a' or 'b' or 'c'
2. [^abc] ----------Except 'a' and 'b' and 'c'
3. [a-z] ----------Any lower case alphabet symbol
4. [A-Z] ----------Any upper case alphabet symbol
5. [a-zA-Z] ----------Any alphabet symbol
6. [0-9] ----------Any digit from 0 to 9
7. [a-zA-Z0-9] ----------Any alphanumeric character
8. [^a-zA-Z0-9] ----------Any special character

```
Example:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
	public static void main(String[] args)
	{
		Pattern p=Pattern.compile("x");
		Matcher m=p.matcher("a1b7@z#");
		while(m.find())
		{
			System.out.println(m.start()+"-------
"+m.group());
		}
	}
}
```

Output:

x=[abc]	x=[^abc]	x=[0-9]	x=[a-z]
0-------a	1-------1	1-------1	0-------a
2-------b	3-------7	3-------7	2-------b
	4-------@		5-------z
	5-------z		
	6-------#		

Predefined character classes:

\s----------space character
\d----------Any digit from o to 9[o-9]
\w----------Any word character[a-zA-Z0-9]
. ----------Any character including special characters.

\S----------any character except space character
\D----------any character except digit
\W----------any character except word character(special character)

```
Example:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
	public static void main(String[] args)
	{
		Pattern p=Pattern.compile("x");
		Matcher m=p.matcher("a1b7 @z#");
		while(m.find())
		{
			System.out.println(m.start()+"-------
"+m.group());
		}
	}
}
```

Output:

x=\\s	x=\\d	x=\\w	x=.
4-------	1-------1	0-------a	0-------a
	3-------7	1-------1	1-------1
		2-------b	2-------b
		3-------7	3-------7
		6-------z	4-------
			5-------@
			6-------z
			7-------#

Quantifiers:

Quantifiers can be used to specify no of characters to match.

a----------Exactly one 'a'

a+----------At least one 'a'

a*----------Any no of a's including zero number

a? ----------At most one 'a'

```
Example:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
	public static void main(String[] args)
	{
		Pattern p=Pattern.compile("x");
		Matcher m=p.matcher("abaabaaab");
		while(m.find())
		{
			System.out.println(m.start()+"-------
"+m.group());
		}
	}
}
```

Output:

x=a	x=a+	x=a*	x=a?
0-------a	0-------a	0-------a	0-------a
2-------a	2-------aa	1-------	1-------
3-------a	5-------aaa	2-------aa	2-------a
5-------a		4-------	3-------a
6-------a		5-------aaa	4-------
7-------a		8-------	5-------a
		9-------	6-------a
			7-------a
			8-------
			9-------

Pattern class split() method:

Pattern class contains split() method to split the given string against a regular expression.

```
Example 1:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
	public static void main(String[] args)
	{
		Pattern p=Pattern.compile("\\s");
		String[] s=p.split("ashok software solutions");
		for(String s1:s)
		{
			System.out.println(s1);//ashok
					       //software
					        //solutions
		}
	}
}
Example 2:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
```

```
	public static void main(String[] args)
	{
		Pattern p=Pattern.compile("\\.");  //(or)[.]
		String[] s=p.split("www.dugrajobs.com");
		for(String s1:s)
		{
			System.out.println(s1);//www
                                       //dugrajobs
                                        //com
		}
	}
}
```

String class split() method:

String class also contains split() method to split the given string against a regular expression.

```
Example:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
	public static void main(String[] args)
	{
		String s="www.saijobs.com";
		String[] s1=s.split("\\.");
		for(String s2:s1)
		{
			System.out.println(s2);//www
                                        //saijobs
                                        //com
		}
	}
}
```

Note : String class split() method can take regular expression as argument where as pattern class split() method can take target string as the argument.

StringTokenizer:

- **This class present in java.util package.**
- **It is a specially designed class to perform string tokenization.**

```
Example 1:
import java.util.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
	public static void main(String[] args)
	{
		StringTokenizer st=new StringTokenizer("sai
software solutions");
```

```
            while(st.hasMoreTokens())
            {
                  System.out.println(st.nextToken());//sai
                                                     //software
                                                     //solutions
            }
      }
}
```

The default regular expression for the StringTokenizer is space.

```
Example 2:
import java.util.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
      public static void main(String[] args)
      {



         StringTokenizer st=new
StringTokenizer("1,99,988",",");
            while(st.hasMoreTokens())
            {
                  System.out.println(st.nextToken());//1
                                                     //99
                                                     //988
            }
      }
}
```

Requirement:

Write a regular expression to represent all valid identifiers in java language.

Rules:

The allowed characters are:

1. **a to z, A to Z, 0 to 9, -,#**
2. **The 1st character should be alphabet symbol only.**
3. **The length of the identifier should be at least 2.**

```
Program:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
      public static void main(String[] args)
      {
            Pattern p=Pattern.compile("[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9-
#]+"); (or)
```

```
            Pattern p=Pattern.compile("[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9-
#][a-zA-Z0-9-#]*");
            Matcher m=p.matcher(args[0]);
            if(m.find()&&m.group().equals(args[0]))
            {
                  System.out.println("valid identifier");
            }
            else
            {
                  System.out.println("invalid identifier");
            }

      }
}
Output:
E:\scjp>javac RegularExpressionDemo.java
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo ashok
Valid identifier

E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo ?ashok
Invalid identifier
```

Requirement:

Write a regular expression to represent all mobile numbers.

1. **Should contain exactly 10 digits.**
2. **The 1st digit should be 7 to 9.**

```
Program:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
      public static void main(String[] args)
      {
            Pattern p=Pattern.compile("
                              [7-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-
9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]");
            //Pattern p=Pattern.compile("[7-9][0-9]{9}");
            Matcher m=p.matcher(args[0]);
            if(m.find()&&m.group().equals(args[0]))
            {
                  System.out.println("valid number");
            }
            else
            {
                  System.out.println("invalid number");
            }
}
}
```

```
Analysis:
10 digits mobile:
[7-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]   (or)
[7-9][0-9]{9}

Output:
E:\scjp>javac RegularExpressionDemo.java
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 9989123456
Valid number

E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 6989654321
Invalid number
10 digits (or) 11 digits:
(0?[7-9][0-9]{9})

Output:
E:\scjp>javac RegularExpressionDemo.java

E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 9989123456
Valid number

E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 09989123456
Valid number

E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 919989123456
Invalid number
10 digits (0r) 11 digit (or) 12 digits:
(0|91)?[7-9][0-9]{9}   (or)
(91)?(0?[7-9][0-9]{9})

E:\scjp>javac RegularExpressionDemo.java
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 9989123456
Valid number
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 09989123456
Valid number
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 919989123456
Valid number
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 69989123456
Invalid number
```

Requirement:

Write a regular expression to represent all Mail Ids.

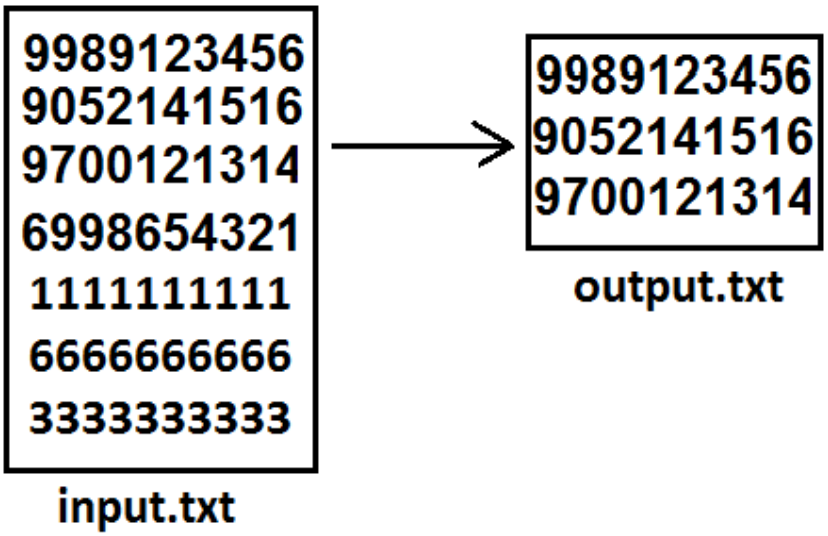
```
Program:
import java.util.regex.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
      public static void main(String[] args)
      {
            Pattern p=Pattern.compile("
```

```
                                  [a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9-.]*@[a-zA-Z0-
9]+([.][a-zA-Z]+)+");
            Matcher m=p.matcher(args[0]);
            if(m.find()&&m.group().equals(args[0]))
            {
                  System.out.println("valid mail id");
            }
            else
            {
                  System.out.println("invalid mail id");
            }
      }
}
Output:
E:\scjp>javac RegularExpressionDemo.java
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo sunmicrosystem@gmail.com
Valid mail id
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 999sunmicrosystem@gmail.com
Invalid mail id
E:\scjp>java RegularExpressionDemo 999sunmicrosystem@gmail.co9
Invalid mail id
```

Requirement:

Write a program to extract all valid mobile numbers from a file.

Diagram:




```
Program:
import java.util.regex.*;
import java.io.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
      public static void main(String[] args)throws IOException
```

```
	{
		PrintWriter out=new PrintWriter("output.txt");
		BufferedReader br=new BufferedReader(new
FileReader("input.txt"));
		Pattern p=Pattern.compile("(0|91)?[7-9][0-
9]{9}");
		String line=br.readLine();
		while(line!=null)
		{
			Matcher m=p.matcher(line);
			while(m.find())
			{
				out.println(m.group());
			}
			line=br.readLine();
		}
		out.flush();
	}
}
```

Requirement:

Write a program to extract all Mail IDS from the File.

Note: In the above program replace mobile number regular expression with MAIL ID regular expression.

Requirement:

Write a program to display all .txt file names present in E:\scjp folder.

```
Program:
import java.util.regex.*;
import java.io.*;
class RegularExpressionDemo
{
	public static void main(String[] args)throws IOException
	{
		int count=0;
		Pattern p=Pattern.compile("[a-zA-Z0-9-
$.]+[.]txt");
		File f=new File("E:\\scjp");
		String[] s=f.list();
		for(String s1:s)
		{
			Matcher m=p.matcher(s1);
			if(m.find()&&m.group().equals(s1))
			{
				count++;
				System.out.println(s1);
			}
		}
```

```
                System.out.println(count);
        }
}
Output:
input.txt
output.txt
outut.txt
3
```

Write a program to check whether the given mailid is valid or not.

In the above program we have to replace mobile number regular expression with mailid regular expression

Write a regular expressions to represent valid Gmail mail id's :

[a-zA-Z0-9][a-zA-Z0-9-.]*@gmail[.]com

Write a regular expressions to represent all Java language identifiers :

Rules :

- **The length of the identifier should be atleast two.**
- **The allowed characters are**
- **a-z**
- **A-Z**
- **0-9**
- **#**
- **$**
-
-
- **The first character should be lower case alphabet symbol k-z , and second character should be a digit divisible by 3**

[k-z][0369][a-zA-Z0-9#$]*

Write a regular expressions to represent all names starts with 'a'

[aA][a-zA-Z]*

To represent all names starts with 'A' ends with 'K'

[aA][a-zA-Z]*[kK]