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Finding Numbers in a Haystack

In this assignment you will read through and parse a file with text and numbers. You will extract all the numbers in the file and compute the sum of the numbers.

Data Files

We provide two files for this assignment. One is a sample file where we give you the sum for your testing and the other is the actual data you need to process for the assignment.

- Sample data: http://python-data.dr-chuck.net/regex_sum_42.txt (http://python-data.dr-chuck.net/regex_sum_42.txt) (There are 87 values with a sum=445822)
- Actual data: http://python-data.dr-chuck.net/regex_sum_317861.txt (http://python-data.dr-chuck.net/regex_sum_317861.txt) (There are 97 values and the sum ends with 562)

These links open in a new window. Make sure to save the file into the same folder as you will be writing your Python program. **Note:** Each student will have a distinct data file for the assignment - so only use your own data file for analysis.

Data Format

The file contains much of the text from the introduction of the textbook except that random numbers are inserted throughout the text. Here is a sample of the output you might see:

```
Why should you learn to write programs? 7746
12 1929 8827
Writing programs (or programming) is a very creative
7 and rewarding activity.  You can write programs for
many reasons, ranging from making your living to solving
8837 a difficult data analysis problem to having fun to helping 128
someone else solve a problem.  This book assumes that
everyone needs to know how to program ...
```

The sum for the sample text above is **27486**. The numbers can appear anywhere in the line. There can be any number of numbers in each line (including none).

Handling The Data

The basic outline of this problem is to read the file, look for integers using the **re.findall()**, looking for a regular expression of **'[0-9]+'** and then converting the extracted strings to integers and summing up the integers.

Turn in Assignent

Enter the sum from the actual data and your Python code below:

Sum: (ends with 562) Submit Assignment

Python code:

Optional: Just for Fun

There are a number of different ways to approach this problem. While we don't recommend trying to write the most compact code possible, it can sometimes be a fun exercise. Here is a a redacted version of two-line version of this program using list comprehension:

```
import re
print sum( [ ****** *** * in **********('[0-9]+',************************.read()) ] )
```

Please don't waste a lot of time trying to figure out the shortest solution until you have completed the homework. List comprehension is mentioned in Chapter 10 and the **read()** method is covered in Chapter 7.