Regular Expressions

Reminder: Commonly used special symbols in Python regular expressions

Symbol	Meaning
.	matches any character
+	1 or more
*	0 or more
()	capture group
\d	digit
\D	non-digit
\s	whitespace
\S	non-whitespace
\w	alphanumeric
\W	non-alphanumeric

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