

IF.06.22 THEORETICAL INFORMATICS

Unit 10 – Regular Expressions – Regex in Java

AGENDA

- Terminology: Regex
- Overview: Regex in Java
- Live Coding

TERMINOLOGY

Regex: `text[\w\s]*important`

Text:

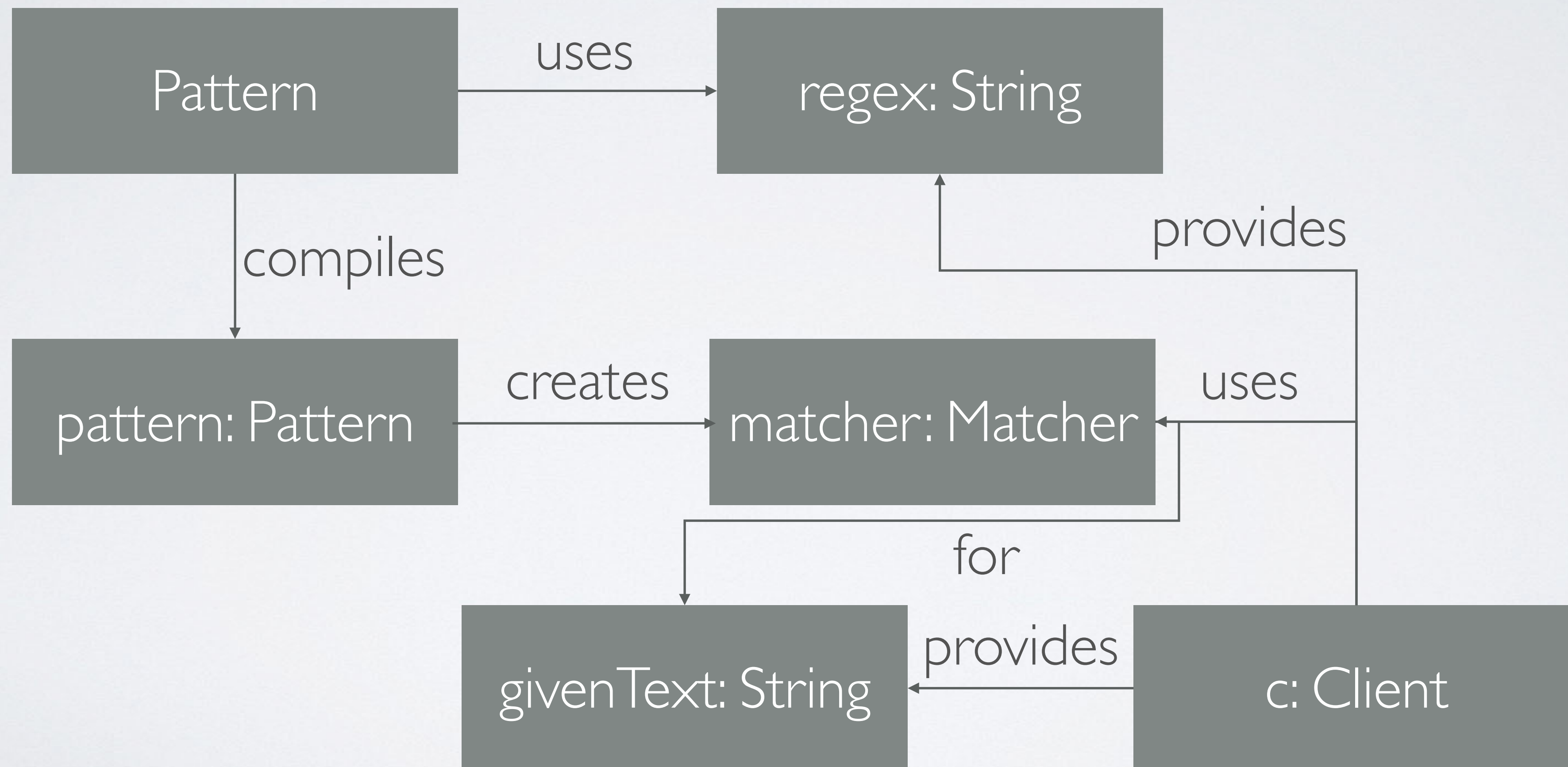


Hey there, I am texting
you some important
news: DON'T PANIC!

Questions:

- Does the text match at least once this regex?
 - We call this match a group
- Where does a group start in the text? Where does it end?
- Do we have a further group?

OVERVIEW



IN JAVA

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

```
Matcher m = p.matcher("franz bauer and peter bauer");
```

```
System.out.println(m.find());
```


INTERFACE OF MATCHER

- `find()` ... tries to find the given pattern in the given string and returns true on success or false otherwise.

Attention: not idempotent

- `group()` ... returns the subsequence found in the previous `find()`. Throws exception if no subsequence found
- `start()` ... returns start index of subsequence found in the previous `find()`