

python regex

Source:

<https://pythex.org/>

<https://docs.python.org/2/library/re.html>

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/python_reg_expressions.htm

Searching for only for mac addresses

Your regular expression:

\w\w:\w\w:\w\w:\w\w:\w\w:\w\w

IGNORECASE

MULTILINE

DOTALL

Your test string:

```
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.218.167 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.218.255
    inet6 fe80::2aa:bbff:fe11:2233 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:aa:bb:11:22:33 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 202825 bytes 298950405 (285.1 MiB)
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Match result:

```
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ether 00:aa:bb:11:22:33 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
RX packets 202825 bytes 298950405 (285.1 MiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 45941 bytes 3666463 (3.4 MiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
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Using regex in a program:

```
# Import the required modules for this program to work
import subprocess, optparse, re
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# Using regex filter on ifconfig_results because we are only interested in mac address
match_result = re.search(r"\w\w:\w\w:\w\w:\w\w:\w\w:\w\w", ifconfig_result)

if match_result: # If there is a match
    print(match_result.group(0))

else: # If there isn't a match
    print("[-] Could not read MAC address.")
```