

1. What is the name of the feature responsible for generating Regex objects?

Sol:- The `re.compile()` function creates regex objects.

2. Why do raw strings often appear in Regex objects?

Sol :- In order to escape the back slashes that are often used to escape expressions like ( `. * -` )etc.,

3. What is the return value of the `search()` method?

Sol :- It searches for the matching sentences in given raw text and returns the position of the specified value.

4. From a Match item, how do you get the actual strings that match the pattern?

Sol :- `group ()` Returns the string matched by the RE

5. In the regex which created from the `r'(\d\d\d)-(\d\d\d-\d\d\d\d)'`, what does group zero cover? Group 2? Group 1?

Sol :- Group zero returns all the groups, Group 1 returns the first 3 digits and group 2 returns the second 3 digits.

6. In standard expression syntax, parentheses and intervals have distinct meanings. How can you tell a regex that you want it to fit real parentheses and periods?

Sol :- Every special item can be escaped by adding a back slash `\` before that item.

7. The `findall()` method returns a string list or a list of string tuples. What causes it to return one of the two options?

Sol :- If regex has groups it will return tuples and if regex doesn't have groups `findall()` will return list of strings.

8. In standard expressions, what does the `|` character mean?

Sol :- The `|` character represents " either, or "

9. In regular expressions, what does the character stand for?

Sol:- In regex a characters are special strings representing a pattern to be matched in a search operation.

10. In regular expressions, what is the difference between the + and \* characters?

Sol :- The + matches one or more and the \* matches zero or more.

11. What is the difference between {4} and {4,5} in regular expression?

Sol :- {4} means selecting exactly 4 characters whereas {4,5} is selecting between the ranges 4 and 5.

12. What do you mean by the \d, \w, and \s shorthand character classes signify in regular expressions?

Sol :-

\d Matches any decimal digit; this is equivalent to the class [0-9].

\w Matches any alphanumeric character; this is equivalent to the class [a-zA-Z0-9\_].

\s Matches any whitespace character; this is equivalent to the class [\t\n\r\f\v].

13. What do means by \D, \W, and \S shorthand character classes signify in regular expressions?

Sol :-

\D Matches any non-digit character; this is equivalent to the class [^0-9].

\W Matches any non-alphanumeric character; this is equivalent to the class [^a-zA-Z0-9\_].

\S Matches any non-whitespace character; this is equivalent to the class [^\t\n\r\f\v].

14. What is the difference between . and .?

Sol :- The . performs a greedy match, and the .? performs a non-greedy match.

15. What is the syntax for matching both numbers and lowercase letters with a character class?

Sol :- Either [0-9a-z] or [a-z0-9]

16. What is the procedure for making a normal expression in regex case insensitive?

Sol :- Passing `re.I` or `re.IGNORECASE` as the second argument to `re.compile()` will make the matching case insensitive.

17. What does the `.` character normally match? What does it match if `re.DOTALL` is passed as 2nd argument in `re.compile()`?

Sol :- The `.` character normally matches any character except the newline character. If `re.DOTALL` is passed as the second argument to `re.compile()`, then the dot will also match newline characters.

18. If `numReg = re.compile(r'\d+')`, what will `numReg.sub('X', '11 drummers, 10 pipers, five rings, 4 hen')` return?

Sol :- X drummers, X pipers, five rings, X hen

19. What does passing `re.VERBOSE` as the 2nd argument to `re.compile()` allow to do?

Sol :- The `re.VERBOSE` argument allows you to add whitespace and comments to the string passed to `re.compile()`.

20. How would you write a regex that match a number with comma for every three digits? It must match the given following:

'42'

'1,234'

'6,368,745'

but not the following:

'12,34,567' (which has only two digits between the commas)

'1234' (which lacks commas)

Sol :- `re.compile( r' ^\d{1,3} ( , \d{3}*$ ) ' )`

21. How would you write a regex that matches the full name of someone whose last name is Watanabe? You can assume that the first name that comes before it will always be one word that begins with a capital letter. The regex must match the following:

'Haruto Watanabe'

'Alice Watanabe'

'RoboCop Watanabe'

but not the following:

'haruto Watanabe' (where the first name is not capitalized)

'Mr. Watanabe' (where the preceding word has a nonletter character)

'Watanabe' (which has no first name)

'Haruto watanabe' (where Watanabe is not capitalized)

Sol :- `re.compile(r'[A-Z][a-z]*\sWatanabe')`

22. How would you write a regex that matches a sentence where the first word is either Alice, Bob, or Carol; the second word is either eats, pets, or throws; the third word is apples, cats, or baseballs; and the sentence ends with a period? This regex should be case-insensitive. It must match the following:

'Alice eats apples.'

'Bob pets cats.'

'Carol throws baseballs.'

'Alice throws Apples.'

'BOB EATS CATS.'

but not the following:

'RoboCop eats apples.'

'ALICE THROWS FOOTBALLS.'

'Carol eats 7 cats.'

Sol :- `re.compile(r'[a-z]*\s[a-z]*\s[a-z]*\.', re.IGNORECASE)`