

Regex -

The Regex or Regular Expression is a way to define a pattern for searching or manipulating strings. We can use a regular expression to match, search, replace, and manipulate inside textual data.

Raw String

```
In [1]: print('kiran')  
print(r'kiran') # we can use r or R  
print(r'kiran'=='kiran')
```

```
kiran  
kiran  
True
```

```
In [2]: print(r'the \n the')
```

```
the \n the
```

```
In [3]: print('the \n the')
```

```
the  
the
```

```
In [4]: print(ord("A"))  
print(ord("Z"))  
print(ord('a'))  
print(ord('z'))
```

```
65  
90  
97  
122
```

Regular- Expression Patterns

- `^` Matches beginning of line.
 - `$` Matches end of line.
 - `.` Matches any single char except newline.
 - `[...]` Matches any single char in brackets.
 - `[^...]` Matches any single char not in brackets.
 - `\w` Matches word characters.
 - `\W` Matches nonword characters.
 - `\s` Matches whitespace.
 - `\S` Matches nonwhitespace.
 - `\d` Matches digits.
 - `\D` Matches nondigits.
 - `\A` Matches beginning of string.
 - `\Z` Matches end of string.
 - `\z` Matches end of string.
 - `\G` Matches point where last match finished.
 - `x| y` Matches either x or y.
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- `[0-9]` Match any digit; same as `[0123456789]`
 - `[a-z]` Match any lowercase ASCII letter
 - `[A-Z]` Match any uppercase ASCII letter
 - `[a-zA-Z0-9]` Match any of the above
 - `[^aeiou]` Match any other than a lowercase vowel
 - `[^0-9]` Match anything other than a digit.

Regex Metacharacters and Operators

Find all

`re.findall()` method scans the regex pattern through the entire target string and returns all the matches that were found in the form of a list.

In [5]: `import re`

In [6]: `s = '''
<html>
<head>
<title>Current IP Address Allocations
</title>
</head>
<body>
IP Address are 172.45.78.109
LoopBack Address: 127.0.0.1
Computer 1: 10.67.89.101
Computer 2: 11.67.98.102
Computer 3: 12.68.98.102
</body>
</html>
'''`

In [7]: `ip_s=re.findall(r'\d{1,3}.\d{1,3}.\d{1,3}.\d{1,3}',s)
123.4.55.66
print(f'ip address are -: {ip_s}')`

ip address are -: ['172.45.78.109', '127.0.0.1', '10.67.89.101', '11.67.98.102', '12.68.98.102']

In [8]: `### 10 0r 11
ip_s1=re.findall(r"1[0-1]\.\d{1,3}.\d{1,3}.\d{1,3}", s)
print(f'ip address are -: {ip_s1}')`

ip address are -: ['10.67.89.101', '11.67.98.102']

In [9]: `print("Find all matches for format Month day")`

`matches = re.findall(r"[A-Z][a-z]+\s\d{1,2}", "These are the match dates June 24, August 9, Dec 12")
print(f'gives Month Date format - {matches}')`

Find all matches for format Month day
gives Month Date format - ['June 24', 'August 9', 'Dec 12']

In [10]: `s = "purple alice@google.com abcde helloab@abc.com ---@gmail.com 23@gmail.com my23@gmail.com"
emails = re.findall(r"\w+@\w+\.\w+", s)
print(emails)`

['alice@google.com', 'helloab@abc.com', '23@gmail.com', 'my23@gmail.com', '_@gmail.com']

In [11]: `s = "purple alice@google.com abcde helloab@abc.com ---@gmail.com 23@gmail.com my23@gmail.com"
emails = re.findall(r"[A-Za-z]+@\w+\.\w+", s)
print(f'starts with alphabets only {emails}')`

```
# \w => A-Za-z0-9_
```

starts with alphabets only ['alice@google.com', 'helloab@abc.com']

```
In [12]: s = "purple alice@google.com abcde helloab@abc.com ---@gmail.com 23@gmail.com my23@gmail.com"

emails = re.findall(r"[\d\w]+@\w+\.\w+", s)
print(f'starts with alphabets only {emails}')
```

```
# \w => A-Za-z0-9_
```

starts with alphabets only ['alice@google.com', 'helloab@abc.com', '23@gmail.com', 'my23@gmail.com', '_@gmail.com']

```
In [13]: # findall - digit one or more
new_st2 = 'Friend in need is 23 friend in 453214 deed'
nr6 = re.findall('\d+', new_st2)
print(nr6)
```

```
['23', '453214']
```

search

The re.search() returns only the first match to the pattern from the target string

```
In [18]: target_string = "Em is a Python developer \n Emma also knows ML and AI"

result = re.search(r"\b\w{4}\b", target_string)
print(result)
print(result.group())
```

```
<re.Match object; span=(27, 31), match='Emma'>
Emma
```

```
In [19]: str1 = "Emma is a Python developer \nEmma also knows ML and AI"
# dollar sign($) to match at the end of the string
result = re.search(r"\w{2}$", str1)
print(result.group())
```

```
AI
```

```
In [20]: source_str = 'we need to inform him with the latest information'

info = re.search('inform', source_str)
info
```

```
Out[20]: <re.Match object; span=(11, 17), match='inform'>
```

```
In [21]: randomstr = 'here is \\kane'

print(randomstr)

re.search(r'\\kane', randomstr)
```

```
here is \kane
```

```
Out[21]: <re.Match object; span=(8, 13), match='\\kane'>
```

Compile

The `re.compile()` method changed the string pattern into a `re.Pattern` object that we can work upon.

```
In [22]: a = 'hat mat rat pat '

         reg = re.compile('[r]at')
         reg

Out[22]: re.compile(r'[r]at', re.UNICODE)
```

```
In [23]: rplce = reg.sub('FOOD',a)
         rplce

Out[23]: 'hat mat FOOD pat '
```

```
In [24]: #replacing

         rplc = re.sub('rat','FOOD',a)
         rplc

Out[24]: 'hat mat FOOD pat '
```

working with white spaces

```
In [25]: chelsea = '''keep the blue flag
         flying high
         chelsa
         '''
         chelsea

Out[25]: 'keep the blue flag\nflying high\nchelsa\n'
```

```
In [26]: new_str = re.sub('\n',' ',chelsea)
         new_str

Out[26]: 'keep the blue flag flying high chelsa '
```

```
In [27]: # other method using compile

         comp = re.compile('\n')

         new = comp.sub(' ',chelsea)
         new

Out[27]: 'keep the blue flag flying high chelsa '
```

- `\b`: backspace
- `\f`: formfeed
- `\r`: carriage return

- \t: tab
- \v: vertical

```
In [28]: phone_no = '''
444-122-1234
123-122-78999
111-123-23
67-7890-2019
'''

reg = re.findall(r'\b\d{2}\b-\d{4}\b-\b\d{4}\b', phone_no)
reg
```

```
Out[28]: ['67-7890-2019']
```

Match

re.match() method looks for the regex pattern only at the beginning of the target string and returns match object if match found; otherwise, it will return None.

re.match(pattern, string, flags=0)

Try to apply the pattern at the start of the string, returning a Match object, or None if no match was found

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1 Match regex pattern at the beginning of the string

```
res = re.match(r"\b\w{5}\b", "Jessa and Kelly")
```

Regex pattern in string format (Look for 5-letter word)

Target string

Result: **Jessa**

2 Match regex pattern anywhere in the string and get only the first match

```
res = re.search(r"\b\w{5}\b", "Jessa and Kelly")
```

Result: **Jessa**

3 Find all the matches to a regex pattern.

```
res = re.findall(r"\b\w{5}\b", "Jessa and Kelly")
```

Result: **["Jessa", "Kelly"]**

```
In [30]: import re

target_string = "kiran loves Python and pandas fives"

pattern = r"\b\w{5}\b"

# # match() method
result = re.match(pattern, target_string)
print(result)

# search() method
result = re.search(pattern, target_string)
print(result.group())

# findall() method
result = re.findall(pattern, target_string)
print(result)

<re.Match object; span=(0, 5), match='kiran'>
kiran
['kiran', 'loves', 'fives']
```

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In [ ]:
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In [ ]: # \+91\s\d{10}$
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