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#!/usr/local/cs/bin/python
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Output lines selected randomly from a file
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$Id: randline.py,v 1.4 2010/04/05 20:04:43 eggert Exp $
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import random, sys
from optparse import OptionParser
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class randline:
    def __init__(self, filename, wreplace=0):
        self.wreplace=wreplace
        f = open(filename, 'r')
        self.lines = f.readlines()
        f.close()
        if not self.lines:
            self.empty = True
            self.maxlines=0
        else:
            self.empty = False
            self.maxlines=len(self.lines)
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    def maxlines(self):
        return self.maxlines
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    def chooseline(self):
        # If the file is empty, return an empty string
        if not self.empty:
            returnString = random.choice(self.lines)
            if str(self.wreplace) == "True":
                self.lines.remove(returnString)
            return returnString
        raise Exception
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def main():
    version_msg = "%prog 2.0"
    usage_msg = """%prog [OPTION]... FILE1 FILE2 ...
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    parser = OptionParser(version=version_msg,
                           usage=usage_msg)
    parser.add_option("-n", "--numlines",
                      action="store", dest="numlines", default=1,
                      help="output NUMLINES lines (default 1)")
    parser.add_option("-w", "--without-replacement",
                      action="store_true", dest="wreplace", default="False",
                      help="output lines without replacement (default no)")
    (options, args) = parser.parse_args()
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wreplace=options.wreplace
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try:
    numlines = int(options.numlines)
except:
    parser.error("invalid NUMLINES: {0}".
                 format(options.numlines))
if numlines < 0:
    parser.error("negative count: {0}".
                 format(numlines))
if len(args) < 1:
    parser.error("wrong number of operands")
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numFiles = len(args)
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try:
    # Loop through all the input files and create a new object for each
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    for i in range(len(args)):
        input_file = args[i]
        generator = randline(input_file, wreplace)
        if numlines > generator.maxlines and str(wreplace) == "True":
            raise Exception
        for index in range(numlines):
            sys.stdout.write(generator.chooseline())
except IOError as err: # Now works with python2 and python3
    parser.error("I/O error({0}): {1}".
                format(err.errno, err))
except Exception:
    parser.error("file length not long enough to process")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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