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Introduction

The moon, with its gentle glow and mysterious presence, has captivated humans for millennia. It has inspired countless myths, guided explorers, and even influenced the tides of our oceans. Whether you're a selenophile, a moonchild or simply someone who enjoys gazing at the night sky, the Moonchildren app is here to bring the magic of the moon right to your fingertips.

Moonchildren is an app developed using Python and the Tkinter library. This app is created for people who have passion and interest for moon and lunar events; therefore this app provides users with various functionalities related to the moon, including calculating the moon phase based on a given date, displaying random facts and mythology about the moon, and playing moon-themed music and lastly a lunar calendar which can give information about lunar events that can happen either in the future or already happened in the past.

Moon Phase Calculation feature:

Users can input a date to calculate the moon phase for that specific date. The application uses the ephem library to determine the moon phase and displays an appropriate image and description of the moon phase.

Moon Facts function: There are so many things within the moon; we usually just enjoy looking at the moon in the sky but there are so many cultural and scientific facts that we are not aware of. Therefore, this app generates a random fact about the moon, ranging from scientific information to cultural references. Facts are displayed in a designated area within the application and will be generated randomly once the user clicks on the button.

Moon Mythology feature: As mentioned before, we humans usually just enjoy looking at the moon in the sky while there are so many facts we didn't know; our ancestors were the same, they would look at the moon and admire it and sometimes create legends and myths about it. Users can generate a random piece of moon mythology from various cultures, providing a rich historical context.

Music Playback: Many say that Music is the food for our souls, I am a believer of that, there's no day that I can pass by without listening to music. Using the pygame library I created a music playing feature which has a selection of moon-themed songs and instrumental pieces. Users can play and stop music, with a description of each song provided.

Lunar calendar: I create this function because sometimes myself as a moon lover try to find when will the moon rise and be visible for the sky, or will I even be able to see the moon on an specific day, so I created a lunar calendar which briefly generates events that happen on the given date by the user.

The application provides an engaging and educational experience, allowing users to explore various aspects of the moon. By combining scientific data, cultural stories, and music, it offers a multifaceted approach to learning about and appreciating the moon.