

Final Project: OOP Python Application

Objective: Create a fully functional Object-Oriented Python application that incorporates abstraction, interfaces, exception handling, and custom class design.

Project Theme: Build a simplified "Library Management System."

Requirements:

- All `LibraryItem` and `User` instances should initially be read from respective data files (e.g., `items.json`, `users.json`).
- When the administrator adds a new item or user, the updated information should be saved back to these files upon exiting the system.

1. Abstract Classes and Interfaces:

- Create an abstract class `LibraryItem` with attributes like `title`, `author`, and methods like `display_info()` and `check_availability()`.
- Subclasses: `Book`, `Magazine`, `DVD` each with specific attributes and behaviors.
- Create an interface-like abstract class `Reservable` with method `reserve(user)` and implement it in `Book` and `DVD`.

2. Class Composition and Relationships:

- Create a `User` class with attributes like `user_id`, `name`, `borrowed_items`.
- Create a `Library` class to manage items and users. It should allow:
 - Adding/removing items
 - Adding/removing users
 - Borrowing and returning items
 - Reserving items using the `Reservable` interface

3. Exception Handling:

- Handle the following scenarios with try-except:
 - Borrowing an unavailable item
 - Reserving an item that is already reserved
 - Invalid user inputs (nonexistent users or items)
 - File errors when saving/loading data (optional bonus)
- Use `finally` to ensure consistent application flow.

4. Custom Exceptions:

- Create and raise custom exceptions like `ItemNotAvailableError`, `UserNotFoundError`, `ItemNotFoundError`.

5. File Structure:

- Organize your project using multiple files:

- `main.py`: contains the CLI interface or main loop
- `models/`: directory with `library_item.py`, `book.py`, `user.py`, etc.
- `exceptions/`: directory with custom exceptions

6. System Interaction Scenario:

- Upon launching `main.py`, the system should:
 - Load existing items from `items.json` and users from `users.json`.
 - Present a CLI menu with options:
 1. View all available items
 2. Search item by title or type
 3. Register a new user
 4. Borrow an item
 5. Reserve an item
 6. Return an item
 7. Exit and Save

- Full Interaction Example:

Upon launching `main.py`, the CLI displays the following menu:

```
Welcome to the Library System
1. View all available items
2. Search item by title or type
3. Register as a new user
4. Borrow an item
5. Reserve an item
6. Return an item
7. Exit and Save
```

Example session:

- **User selects option 1:** The system displays all `Book`, `Magazine`, and `DVD` items with their availability status.
- **User selects option 2:** They are prompted to input a search keyword. The system returns matching items.
- **User selects option 3:** They input name and email, and are assigned a unique `user_id`. The new user is added to `users.json`.
- **User selects option 4:** They provide their `user_id` and item ID. If the item is available, it is marked as borrowed and added to the user's `borrowed_items` list.
- **User selects option 5:** They provide their `user_id` and item ID. If the item supports reservation (i.e., implements `Reservable`) and is not already reserved, the reservation is recorded.
- **User selects option 6:** They input their `user_id` and item ID. If matched, the item is marked as available again.
- **User selects option 7:** The system saves all changes back to `items.json` and `users.json` using exception-safe file handling, and exits.

Throughout:

- All invalid inputs (e.g., non-existent `user_id`, unavailable items, wrong menu choices) raise appropriate custom or built-in exceptions.
- File errors during loading or saving are caught and reported.
- The use of abstraction, interfaces (`Reservable`), and structured exception handling is integral to system operation.

Submission Instructions:

- Submit your full project as a `.zip` file.
- The archive should include all Python files and a `README.md` explaining how to run your project and the design decisions you made.
- Make sure your code is well-documented and commented.