Ch10-2-Files-Advanced

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1 Advanced Topics on Files

1.1 Working with HTML files

- fetch an HTML page from web
- parse the HTML file with BeautifulSoup library

```
[2]: # fetch an html page
import urllib.request
url = 'https://rambasnet.github.io/teaching.html'
localfile = 'teaching.html'
urllib.request.urlretrieve(url, localfile)
```

[2]: ('teaching.html', <http.client.HTTPMessage at 0x7fa0c5e5cdc0>)

```
[3]: with open(localfile) as f:
    data = f.read()
words = data.split(' ')
print('There are {0} words in the file.'.format(len(words)))
```

There are 9653 words in the file.

1.2 parsing HTML using BeautifulSoup library

• install Beautifulsoup library

```
$ pip install bs4
```

- https://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup/bs4/doc/#
- Alternative is nltk (Natural Language Toolkit) library
- http://www.nltk.org/

1.3 Installing Parsers

- supports the HTML parser included in Python's standard library
- also supports a number of third-party Python parsers such as very fast lxml parser

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[4]: # can run terminal/bash commands from notebook using !
! pip install bs4
```

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Collecting bs4
       Downloading bs4-0.0.1.tar.gz (1.1 kB)
     Collecting beautifulsoup4
       Downloading beautifulsoup4-4.9.3-py3-none-any.whl (115 kB)
                            | 115 kB 292 kB/s eta 0:00:01
          Ι
     Collecting soupsieve>1.2; python_version >= "3.0"
       Downloading soupsieve-2.0.1-py3-none-any.whl (32 kB)
     Building wheels for collected packages: bs4
       Building wheel for bs4 (setup.py) ... done
       Created wheel for bs4: filename=bs4-0.0.1-py3-none-any.whl size=1273
     sha256=14cd4ba62626eff1dcc9a1ad692e42baa3a7b5c025cc58a0562bb32b998e4381
       Stored in directory: /Users/rbasnet/Library/Caches/pip/wheels/75/78/21/68b1245
     49c9bdc94f822c02fb9aa3578a669843f9767776bca
     Successfully built bs4
     Installing collected packages: soupsieve, beautifulsoup4, bs4
     Successfully installed beautifulsoup4-4.9.3 bs4-0.0.1 soupsieve-2.0.1
[10]: # install lxml parser
      ! pip install lxml
     Requirement already satisfied: lxml in
     /Users/rbasnet/miniconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages (4.6.1)
[13]: from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
      localfile = 'teaching.html'
      with open(localfile) as f:
          #soup = BeautifulSoup(f, 'lxml') # used to but now not working!
          soup = BeautifulSoup(f, 'html.parser')
      text = soup.get_text()
      print(text)
```

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[14]: # break into lines and remove leading and trailing space on each line lines = [line.strip() for line in text.splitlines()]
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[15]: print(lines[:20])

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'', '', 'Dr. Ram Basnet', 'Associate Professor of Computer Science', '', '']
[16]: # create list of words by splitting multi-word elements
     words = [word.strip().lower() for line in lines for word in line.split()]
[17]: print(words[:20])
     ['ram', 'basnet', '|', 'homepage', 'dr.', 'ram', 'basnet', 'associate',
     'professor', 'of', 'computer', 'science', 'home', 'teaching', 'research',
     'resources', 'contact', 'teaching', 'teaching', 'interests']
[18]: print('There are {0} words in the file.'.format(len(words)))
     There are 192 words in the file.
     1.4 Find histogram of words
       • use DefaultDict found in collections module
       • https://docs.python.org/3/library/collections.html
[19]: from collections import defaultdict
[20]: hist = defaultdict(int)
     for w in words:
         hist[w] += 1
[21]: # print top 10 most common words
     listHist = [(k, v) for k, v in hist.items()]
[22]: print(listHist[:10])
     [('ram', 2), ('basnet', 2), ('|', 5), ('homepage', 1), ('dr.', 1), ('associate',
     1), ('professor', 1), ('of', 2), ('computer', 2), ('science', 2)]
[23]: listHist.sort(key = lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
[24]: print(listHist[:10])
     [('csci', 11), ('|', 5), ('-', 5), ('cs', 5), ('off.', 5), ('hr.ch', 5),
     ('teaching', 4), ('web', 4), ('adv.', 4), ('net/app', 4)]
     1.4.1 Use Counter collection
       easier way!
[25]: from collections import Counter
[26]: hist = Counter(words)
```

1.5 working with binary files

• the following example copies a binary file such as image

```
[11]: fileSrc = './resources/brain.jpg'
fileDst = 'brain-copy.jpg'
with open(fileSrc, 'rb') as rbf:
    #rb - read binary mode
    data = rbf.read() # read the whole binary file
    with open(fileDst, 'wb') as wbf:
        wbf.write(data) # write the whole binary file
```

1.6 use checksum to compare if two files match exactly!

- checksum makes sure that not a single bit is different between the two files
- used in security
- import and use hashlib https://docs.python.org/3/library/hashlib.html

```
[15]: import hashlib
file1Contents = open(fileSrc, 'rb').read()
file2Contents = open(fileDst, 'rb').read()

file1ChkSum = hashlib.sha256(file1Contents).hexdigest()
file2ChkSum = hashlib.sha256(file2Contents).hexdigest()
if (file1ChkSum == file2ChkSum):
    print('two files\' checksums match!')
else:
    print('oops! two files\' checksums do NOT match!')
```

two files checksums match!

1.7 Python object serialization with pickle library

- https://docs.python.org/3/library/pickle.html
- pickle module implements binary protocols for serializing and de-serializing a Python object

- Pickling serializing python object
- Unpickling deserializing python object (inverse operation)
- Unpickling untrusted picked files could have security implications
 - e.g., executing system commands; installing and executing third-party malicious packages and modules; etc.
 - for more: https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A8_2017-Insecure Deserialization

```
[29]: import pickle
alist = list(range(2, 21, 2))
```

[30]: print(alist)

[2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20]

```
[31]: # let's pickle alist; serialize a list
pickleFile = 'myPickle.pkl'
with open(pickleFile, 'wb') as p:
    pickle.dump(alist, p)
```

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[32]: # lets unpickle alist; deserialize a list
with open(pickleFile, 'rb') as p:
    blist = pickle.load(p)
```

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[33]: alist == blist
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[33]: True

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[35]: # dump Counter
with open('wordCounter.pkl', 'wb') as p:
    pickle.dump(hist, p)
```

```
[36]: # load pickle
with open('wordCounter.pkl', 'rb') as p:
    newHist = pickle.load(p)
```

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[37]: hist == newHist
```

[37]: True

```
[38]: newHist.most_common(3)
```

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[38]: [('csci', 11), ('|', 5), ('-', 5)]
```

[]: