

# Lecture 2: Dealing with Data

**COSC 526: Introduction to Data Mining**



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# Text Representation and Handling





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In this notebook, we provide you with basic functions for completing the assignment. *You will need to modify existing code and write new code to find a solution.* Each member of the group must upload their own work to their personal GitHub repository, which we set up during the first class.

### Practical Tasks:

This set of practical tasks is to be completed during the first class.

#### Definitions:

- **GitHub:** web-based hosting service for version control used to distribute and collect assignments as well as other class materials (e.g., slides, code, and datasets)
- **Git:** software used by GitHub

#### Practical Tasks:

- Create your own GitHub account
- Submit your GitHub username to the Google form: <https://forms.gle/CKugke8Dzqjm9tQ89>
- Install Git on your laptop

**This Assignment is due (pushed to your personal class GitHub repository) at the start of the second class.**

### Problem 1

In this problem we explore reading in and parsing [delimiter-separated values](#) stored in files. We start with [comma-separated values](#) and then move on to [tab-separated values](#).

#### Problem 1a: Comma-Separated Values (CSV)



# Assignment 1: Dealing with Text

- Reading in, parsing, and processing delimiter-separated values stored in files – **comma-separated values (csv)** and **tab-separated values (tsv)**
  - Count (and print) the number of rows of data (header is excluded) in the csv file
  - Count (and print) the number of columns of data in the csv file
  - Calculate (and print) the average of the values that are in the "age" column - You can assume each age in the file is an integer, but the average should be calculated as a float

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In [ ]: def parse_delimited_file(filename, delimiter=","):
# Open and read in all lines of the file
# (I do not recommend readlines for LARGE files)
# `open`: ref [1]
# `readlines`: ref [2]
with open(filename, 'r', encoding='utf8') as dsvfile:
    lines = dsvfile.readlines()

# Strip off the newline from the end of each line
# Using list comprehension is the recommended pythonic way to iterate through lists
# HINT: refs [3,4]

# Split each line based on the delimiter (which, in this case, is the comma)
# HINT: ref [5]

# Separate the header from the data
# HINT: ref [6]

# Find "age" within the header
# (i.e., calculating the column index for "age")
# HINT: ref [7]

# Calculate the number of data rows and columns
# HINT: [8]
num_data_rows = 0
num_data_cols = 0

# Sum the "age" values
# HINT: ref [9]

# Calculate the average age
ave_age = 0

# Print the results
# `format`: ref [10]
print("Number of rows of data: {}".format(num_data_rows))
print("Number of cols: {}".format(num_data_cols))
print("Average Age: {}".format(ave_age))

# Parse the provided csv file
parse_delimited_file('data.csv')
```

## comma-separated values (csv)

### References:

- [1: open](#)
- [2: readlines](#)
- [3: list comprehension](#)
- [4:rstrip](#)
- [5: split](#)
- [6: splice](#)
- [7: "more on lists"](#)
- [8: len](#)
- [9: int](#)
- [10: format](#)



## tab-separated values (tsv)

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# Print the results
# `format`: ref [10]
print("Number of rows of data: {}".format(num_data_rows))
print("Number of cols: {}".format(num_data_cols))
print("Average Age: {}".format(ave_age))

# Parse the provided csv file
parse_delimited_file('data.csv')
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In [ ]: # Further reading on optional arguments, like "delimiter": http://www.diveintopython.net/power\_of\_introspection/optional\_arguments.html
parse_delimited_file('data.tsv', delimiter="\t")
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# Assignment 1: Dealing with different encoding

Standards for encoding text:

- ASCII
  - Use numeric codes to represent characters
- Unicode:
  - Map every character to a specific code U+<hex-code>, ranging from U+0000 to U+10FFFF
  - Define Unicode transformation formats: UTF-8, UTF-16, and UTF-32

Converting the unicode-formatted names into ascii-formatted names

- Use the provided transliteration **dictionary** that maps several common unicode characters to their ascii transliteration to convert the unicode strings to ascii



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In [ ]: translit_dict = {
    "ä" : "ae",
    "ö" : "oe",
    "ü" : "ue",
    "Ä" : "Ae",
    "Ö" : "Oe",
    "Ü" : "Ue",
    "ı" : "l",
    "o" : "o",
}

with open("data.csv", 'r', encoding='utf8') as csvfile:
    lines = csvfile.readlines()

# Strip off the newline from the end of each line

# Split each line based on the delimiter (which, in this case, is the comma)

# Separate the header from the data

# Find "name" within the header

# Extract the names from the rows
unicode_names = []

# Iterate over the names
translit_names = []
for unicode_name in unicode_names:
    # Perform the replacements in the translit_dict
    # HINT: ref [1]
    False

# Write out the names to a file named "data-ascii.txt"
# HINT: ref [2]

# Verify that the names were converted and written out correctly
with open("data-ascii.txt", 'r') as infile:
    for line in infile:
        print(line.rstrip())

```

convert unicode strings to ascii

### References:

- [1: replace](#)
- [2: file object methods](#)

Commit and push in your personal repository

