File Handling, Python Libraries and Modules

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Recap

- ✓ Practice of what we learned last week
- ✓ Creating files with Python
- √ File related methods (read, write, append)

Today's Goals

- ✓ Introduction to Python libraries
- ✓ math, random etc.
- ✓ Installing libraries pandas etc.
- **✓** Practice examples
- **✓ Q&A**

Python File Handling

- ✓ File handling is an important part of any web application.
- ✓ Python has several functions for creating, reading, updating, and deleting files.

Python File Handling: open() function

Some of the Python File modes:

Mode	Description
'r'	Open a file for reading only. The file cannot be changed or written to.
'w'	Open a file for writing. If the file already exists, erase its contents. If it does not exist, create it.
'a'	Open a file to be written to. All data written to the file will be appended to its end. If the file does not exist, create it.

Python File Handling: close() function

- Once a program is finished working with a file, it should close the file.
- Closing a file disconnects the program from the file.
- In some systems, failure to close an output file can cause a loss of data.
- This happens because the data that is written to a file is first written to a buffer, which is a small "holding section" in memory.
- General Format:

new_file.close()

write() method and Concatenating a newline to a string

- When a program writes data that has been entered by the user to a file, it is usually necessary to concatenate a \n escape sequence to the data before writing it.
- This ensures that each piece of data is written to a separate line in the file.





Concatenating_newline.py

```
def main():
    # Get three names.
    print('Enter the names of three friends.')
    name1 = input('Friend #1: ')
    name2 = input('Friend #2: ')
    name3 = input('Friend #3: ')
    # Open a file named friends.txt.
    myfile = open('friends.txt', 'w')
    # Write the names to the file.
    myfile.write(name1 + '\n')
    myfile.write(name2 + '\n')
    myfile.write(name3 + '\n')
    # Close the file.
    myfile.close()
    print('The names were written to friends.txt.')
    # Call the main function.
main()
Fnter the names of three friends.
                                     Entering
Friend #1: Ram
Friend #2: John
                                     user input
Friend #3: Jungkook
The names were written to friends.txt.
```

Stripping the newline from the string: rstrip() method

Stripping_newline.py

```
# The output of readline() method
# returns the line as a string, including the \n.
def main():
 infile = open('astronauts.txt','r')
 # Read three lines from the file.
 line1 = infile.readline()
 line2 = infile.readline()
 line3 = infile.readline()
  print(line1)
  print(line2)
  print(line3)
 # Strip the \n from each string.
  line1 = line1.rstrip('\n')
 line2 = line2.rstrip('\n')
 line3 = line3.rstrip('\n')
 infile.close()
  print(line1)
  print(line2)
  print(line3)
main()
```

- The \n → separates the items that are stored in the file.
- However, in many cases, you want to remove the \n from a string after it is read from a file.

Output

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Rakesh Sharma
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Sunita Williams
Rakesh Sharma



Appending new data to an existing file

✓ For example, assume the file friends.txt contains the following names, each in a separate line:

Ram John Jungkook



friends.txt ×

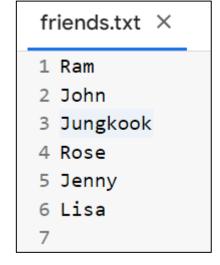
1 Ram
2 John
3 Jungkook
4

Existing file before appending new data

✓ The following code opens the file and appends additional data to its existing contents.

```
myfile = open('friends.txt', 'a')
myfile.write('Rose\n')
myfile.write('Jenny\n')
myfile.write('Lisa\n')
myfile.close()
```





Existing file after appending new data

Python File Handling: remove() function

We need to import os for this operation:

```
import os
os.remove("demofile.txt")
```

This program will remove the existing file - demofile.txt

Lets Code!

Python Libraries and modules

- The Python standard library provides classes and functions that your programs can use to perform basic operations, as well as many advanced tasks.
- There are operations, however, that the standard library cannot perform.
- When you need to do something that is beyond the scope of the standard library, you have two choices:
- 1. write the code yourself, or
- 2. use code that someone else has already written. (third party modules)

Modules can be found at: pypi. python.org

Modules

- A module is a Python source code file that contains functions and/or classes.
- Ex. math, random
- To import a module, you write an import statement at the top of your program.
- General Format with example of math module : import math

This statement causes the Python interpreter to load the contents of the math module into memory, making the functions and/or classes that are stored in the math module available to the program.

math module

✓ importing math module from Python:

Square_root1.py

```
import math

x = math.sqrt(25)
print(x)
5.0
```

Output

✓ Using alias for importing math:import math as mt

Using_alias.py

Random module

- Python has a built-in module that you can use to make random numbers.
- The random module has a set of methods:

randint()	Returns a random number between the given range
choice()	Returns a random element from the given sequence

• General Format with example of math module :

import random

Random module

Python has a built-in module that you can use to make random numbers.

random_number.py

```
import random
# Generate a random number between 1 and 10
random_number = random.randint(1, 10)
print("Random Number:", random_number)

Random Number: 2
```

Installing python libraries

Python interactive mode →

```
>>> import pandas
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<input>", line 1, in <module>
   File "C:\Program Files\JetBrains\PyCharm Community Edition 2021.2.1\plugins\python-ce\helpers\pydev\_pydev_bundle\pydev
   module = self._system_import(name, *args, **kwargs)
ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'pandas'
```

Python Terminal mode →

```
PS D:\PYTHON_BASICS> pip install pandas
Collecting pandas
  Downloading pandas-2.0.3-cp38-cp38-win_amd64.whl (10.8 MB)
                                     | 10.8 MB 3.3 MB/s
Collecting python-dateutil>=2.8.2
  Using cached python_dateutil-2.8.2-py2.py3-none-any.whl (247 kB)
Collecting pytz>=2020.1
  Downloading pytz-2024.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl (505 kB)
                          505 kB ...
Collecting numpy>=1.20.3
  Downloading numpy-1.24.4-cp38-cp38-win_amd64.whl (14.9 MB)
                                       14.9 MB 6.4 MB/s
Collecting tzdata>=2022.1
  Downloading tzdata-2023.4-py2.py3-none-any.whl (346 kB)
                                        346 kB ...
Collecting six > = 1.5
  Using cached six-1.16.0-py2.py3-none-any.whl (11 kB)
Installing collected packages: six, tzdata, pytz, python-dateutil, numpy, pandas
Successfully installed numpy-1.24.4 pandas-2.0.3 python-dateutil-2.8.2 pytz-2024.1 six-1.16.0 tzdata-2023.4
```

Using pandas

- Pandas is a Python library used for working with data sets.
- It has functions for analyzing, cleaning, exploring, and manipulating data.

Pandas_example.py

```
import pandas as pd
file path = 'example data.xlsx'
df = pd.read excel(file path)
print(df)
                                            Food Item Measure Calories
    Carrot, homemade with cream cheese icing (2 la...
                                                                    542
             Cereal bar, fruit filled (Nutri-GrainTM)
                                                          1
                                                                    135
                  Cheesecake, commercial (15 cm diam)
                                                          1/6
                                                                    321
       Cheesecake, from mix, no-bake type (20cm diam)
                                                          1/8
                                                                    407
    Cheesecake, plain, homemade with cherry toppin...
                                                          1/8
                                                                    459
              Cherry, commercial, 2 crust (23cm diam)
                                                          1/8
                                                                    325
```

Output

Lets Code!