

Homework 6

due Friday Oct. 14, 2016 at 1pm

Create a flask-based website that provides a query interface to BibTeX bibliographic data. The website must allow a user to upload a BibTeX file, store the contents of the file in a database, and provide a query interface to the database.

Upon insertion, each set of bibliography entries (contained within the “.bib” file) is a “collection”, and the collection name is provided by the user. This is useful if a user has multiple BibTex files, possibly relating to different research projects or pertaining to different fields of study.

The database must have columns for citation tag, author list, journal, volume, pages, year, title, and collection. The website provides a query interface by passing user-entered SQL statements to sqlite3.

Advice

This can be a long and/or difficult assignment, depending on how much experience you have with web development. Make sure to start early and ask for help when you need it.

Use third party Python module `pybtex` to parse the BibTeX files.

You'll need to look up how to upload a file through flask and how/where to use POST or GET methods. Check out the official flask documentation for information on this stuff. We've given you the basics, but like all topics in this class you'll need to do some autodidacticism to become proficient.

Also, you'll need to reuse your database/sqlite3 knowledge and the posted lectures should be useful refreshers.

You are welcome to make the webpage look spiffy, but bare-bones functionality is fine. See the next pages for example.

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A database is present. Please insert a new collection by uploading a BibTex file with the form below.

Collection Name:

Choose File

no file selected

Upload!

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Collection Name: 

Klein_refs.bib

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- astronomy

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A database is present. You can query it with the form below.

Use SQL query syntax to enter the query string that follows the "WHERE".

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To use wildcards, use "LIKE" and employ the "%" (percent symbol) as multiple character wildcard and "_" (underscore) as single character wildcard.

Make sure to explicitly put strings in quotes.

Query string:

Query!

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Query!

- Reference Tag: 1908AnHar..60...87L

Author List: Leavitt, H. S.

Journal: Annals of Harvard College Observatory

Volume: 60

Pages: 87-108

Year: 1908

Title: 1777 variables in the Magellanic Clouds

Collection: astronomy

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• Reference Tag: 1998A&A...330..515F

Author List: Fernley, J. and Barnes, T. G. and Skillen, I. and Hawley, S. L. and Hanley, C. J. and Evans, D. W. and Solano, E. and Garrido, R.

Journal: aap

Volume: 330

Pages: 515-520

Year: 1998

Title: The absolute magnitudes of RR Lyraes from HIPPARCOS parallaxes and proper motions

Collection: astronomy