

File Handling in Python

- Python too supports file handling and allows users to handle files i.e., to read and write files, along with many other file handling options, to operate on files.
- The concept of file handling has stretched over various other languages, but the implementation is either complicated or lengthy, but alike other concepts of Python, this concept here is also easy and short.
- Python treats file differently as text or binary and this is important. Each line of code includes a sequence of characters and they form text file.
- Each line of a file is terminated with a special character, called the EOL or End of Line characters like comma {,} or newline character.
- It ends the current line and tells the interpreter a new one has begun. Let's start with Reading and Writing files.

Working of open() function

- We use open () function in Python to open a file in read or write mode.
- As explained above, open () will return a file object.
- To return a file object we use open() function along with two arguments, that accepts file name and the mode, whether to read or write. So, the syntax being: open(filename, mode).
- There are three kinds of mode, that Python provides and how files can be opened:
 - “ r “, for reading.
 - “ w “, for writing.
 - “ a “, for appending.
 - “ r+ “, for both reading and writing

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In [ ]: f = open("test.txt", 'r') # o
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In [ ]: f = open('Test.txt')
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In [ ]: f1 = open("C:/Test.txt") # s
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In [ ]: import os
os.getcwd()
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In [ ]: # f = open("test.txt") #
f = open("testnow.txt", 'w')
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In [ ]: f = open('Test2.txt', 'w')
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In [ ]: # Closing the file
f.close()
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In [ ]: #Exceptions
try:
    f = open("testnow.txt", 'w')
    f.write('This is my first
    f.write('This is my second
finally:
    f.close()
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In [ ]: # Using With Method
with open("test.txt") as f:
    print(f.readlines())
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In [ ]: # Writing contents inside the
with open("testnew.txt", 'w')
    f.write("my first file\n")
    f.write("This file\n")
    f.write("contains three l
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In [ ]: f = open('testnew.txt')
f.readlines()
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In [ ]: f = open("Test.txt", 'r')
f.read(4) # read the first
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In [ ]: f.read(10)
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In [ ]: f = open("test.txt", 'r')
x = f.readlines()
x
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In [ ]: f.read(4) # read the next
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In [ ]: f.read(10) # read in the
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In [ ]: f.read() # further reading r
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In [ ]: f.tell() # get the current
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In [ ]: f.seek(0) # bring file curs
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In [ ]: f.read(5)
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In [ ]: print(f.read()) # read the e
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In [ ]: for line in f:
    print(line, end = '')
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In [ ]: f.readline()
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In [ ]: f.readlines()
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In [ ]: f = open("myfile1.txt", "x")
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In [ ]: f.write("my first file\n")
f.write("This file\n")
f.write("contains three lines
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In [ ]: f=open('myfile1.txt', 'r')
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In [ ]: f.readlines()
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In [ ]: import os
os.chdir('.')
os.remove("myfile1.txt")
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In [ ]: import os
if os.path.exists("myfile.txt")
    os.remove("myfile.txt")
else:
    print("The file does not
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In [ ]: f = open('Test.txt')
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In [ ]: f
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In [ ]: f = open('Test.txt', 'a+')
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Exceptions Handling

- Like other languages, python also provides the runtime errors via exception handling method with the help of try-except.
- Some of the standard exceptions which are most frequent include IndexError, ImportError, IOError, ZeroDivisionError, TypeError.

Try and Except

- A try statement can have more than one except clause, to specify handlers for different exceptions.
- Please note that at most one handler will be executed.

Else Clause:

- In python, you can also use else clause on try-except block which must be present after all the except clauses.
- The code enters the else block only if the try clause does not raise an exception.

Raising Exception:

- The raise statement allows the programmer to force a specific exception to occur.
- The sole argument in raise indicates the exception to be raised. This must be either an exception instance or an exception class (a class that derives from Exception).

try...finally

- The try statement in Python can have an optional finally clause. This clause is executed no matter what, and is generally used to release external resources.
- For example, we may be connected to a remote data center through the network or working with a file or working with a Graphical User Interface (GUI).
- In all these circumstances, we must clean up the resource once used, whether it was successful or not.
- These actions (closing a file, GUI or disconnecting from network) are performed in the finally clause to guarantee execution.

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In [ ]: if a < 3
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In [ ]: a = 10
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In [ ]: 1 / 0
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In [ ]: open("imaginary.txt")
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In [ ]: try:
    print(1/0)
except NameError:
    print("Variable x is not
except:
    print("Something else wen
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In [ ]: x = 'New'
x = 'new'
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In [ ]: try:
    print(X*x)
except:
    print("Something went wrong
else:
    print("Nothing went wrong")
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In [ ]: try:
    print(Y)
except:
    print("Something went wrong
finally:
    print("The 'try except' is
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In [ ]: a = [1, 2, 3]
try:
    print ("Second element =
    print ("Fourth element =
except IndexError:
    print ("An error occurred
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In [ ]: # to handle multiple errors w
try :
    a = 3
    if a < 4 :
        b = a/(a-3) # throws
    print ("Value of b = ", b

# note that braces () are nec
except(ZeroDivisionError, Nam
    print ("Error Occurred an
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In [ ]: # to depict else clause with
# Function which returns a/b
def AbyB(a , b):
    try:
        c = ((a+b) / (a-b))
    except ZeroDivisionError:
        print ("a/b result in
    else:
        print(c)

# Driver program to test above
AbyB(2, 3)
AbyB(3, 3)
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In [ ]: try:
    f = open('missing')
except FileNotFoundError:
    print('File not Found
except OSError:
    print('OS Failed')
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In [ ]: f = open('missing')
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In [ ]: try:
    a = 10/0
    print(a)
except ArithmeticError:
    print ("This statemen
else:
    print ("Success")
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In [ ]: # import module sys to get th
import sys

randomList = ['a', 0, 2]

for entry in randomList:
    try:
        print("The entry is",
            r = 1/int(entry)
        break
    except:
        print("Oops!",sys.exc
        print("Next entry.")
        print()
print("The reciprocal of",ent
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In [ ]: try:
    a = int(input("Enter a po
    print(a)
    if a <= 0:
        raise ValueError("Tha
    else:
        print(a*25)
except ValueError as ve:
    print(ve)
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In [ ]: try:
    f = open("test.txt", 'w',
    f.write('gutyjbkj')
    f.write('gjhguytuytufuty'
    # perform file operations
finally:
    f.close()
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