

FIT5196 Assessment 1 task1

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Environment: Python 3.8.5 and Anaconda 4.10.3 (64-bit)

Libraries used:

- re (for regular expression, included in Anaconda Python 3.8)
- os (for file operation, included in Anaconda Python 3.8)

Task 1 Instruction:

This assessment touches the very first step of analyzing textual data, i.e., extracting data from semi-structured text files. Each text file contains information about the tweets, i.e., “user name”, “user code”, “user description”, “number of followers”, “whether or not the user account is verified”, “date of the tweet”, and the “tweet text”. Your task is to extract the data from the text file and transform the data into a XML format

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1. Import Libraries

For this task, only the os and re are allowed to import

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In [1]: #import libraries
import os
import re
```

2. Load Data and Examining

As the first step, the input text file will be loaded.

steps:

1. read the file
2. first encode all emoji in the text, then decode into bytes for a better manipulation of the data
3. strip all empty lines
4. examine the total length and print all lines to observe patterns

```
In [2]: #load files
file = open('21290849_task1_input.txt','r',encoding='utf-8')
#read file
content = file.read()
#for regex convenience
content = content+'$aresrdsfsadfwe.: '
#convert emoji into bytes and strip all empty line
content = content.encode('ascii', 'xmlcharrefreplace').decode('utf-8')
#inspect the contents in file
print('total length: ', len(content))

#dict for convert symbol
symbol = {'&': '&amp;', '"': '&quot;', '<': '&lt;', '>': '&gt;'}
#define regex
re_xml = r' [<>"]'

xml_symbol = re.findall(re_xml,content)
if len(xml_symbol) !=0 :

    xml_symbol = list(set(xml_symbol))
    #change symbol
    for i in range(len(xml_symbol)):
        content = content.replace(xml_symbol[i],symbol[xml_symbol[i]])
```

total length: 5166098

from the output, we can observe that all lines start with a \$ and each tag end with '.:'. Also, some field can have different tags.

3. Extract data from text file

The task is to extract the data from the text file and transform the data into a XML format with the following elements:

The extract fields:

1. user_name (tags: user_name,username,uname)
2. user_code
3. verified_user (tags: verified?,verified_user?)
4. followerNo. (tags: followerNo, No. followers)
5. user_description (tags: udesc, userdescription, user_desc)
6. tweet (tags: tweet, tweet_text)
7. tweet_date

Steps to find each field:

1. modify regex for each field
2. filter from file
3. examine output

3.1 Find user name (tags: user_name,username,uname)

examples:

- \$uname.: Sameer Jha,
- \$username.: Lavidaeshermosa 🌈⚙️👥🙏,
- \$user_name.: cynthi

```
In [3]: #find all user name

#regex explanation
#always begin with (\$)
#thourgh inspection, there are three types of user_name tag (\$user_name\.: |\$us
#find all values (.*)
#match next tag to make sure get all value of integrity of current finding tag (l

#modify regex
username = r'(\$user_name\.: |\$username\.: |\$uname\.: )(.*?)([\s\n]?\$[\w?\.\.]+\

#find all username lines
l_username = re.findall(username,content,re.DOTALL)
```

3.2 Find usercode

example:

- \$user_code.: 100005578

```
In [4]: #find all usercode

#regex explanation
#the usercode always start with (\$user_code.: )
#find all values (.*)
#match next tag to make sure get all value of integrity of current finding tag (l

#modify regex
usercode = r'(\$user_code\.: )(.*?)([\s\n]?\[w?\.\.]+\.:)'

#find all usercode lines
l_usercode = re.findall(usercode,content,re.DOTALL)
```

3.3 Find verified_user (tags: verified?,verified_user?)

examples:

- \$verified_user?: False
- \$verified?: False

```
In [5]: #find all verified_user

#regex explanation
#the verified_user has two tags (\$verified_user\?\.?: |\$verified\?\.?:)
#find all values (.*)
#match next tag to make sure get all value of integrity of current finding tag (l

#modify regex
verified_user = r'(\$verified_user\?\.?: |\$verified\?\.?:)(.*?)([\s\n]?\[w?\.\.]+\.:)

#find all usercode lines
l_verified_user = re.findall(verified_user,content,re.DOTALL)
```

3.4 Find no_followers (tags: followerNo, No. followers)

examples:

- \$No. followers.: 225.0
- \$followerNo.: 221.0

```
In [6]: #find all no_followers


#regex explanation
#the no_followers has two tags (\$followerNo\.: |\$No\.\s?followers\.: )
#find all values (.*)
#match next tag to make sure get all value of integrity of current finding tag (

#modify regex
no_followers = r'(\$followerNo\.: |\$No\.\s?followers\.: )(.*)([\s\n]?\$[\w?\.\s]+)'

#find all usercode lines
l_no_followers = re.findall(no_followers,content,re.DOTALL)
```

3.5 Find user_description (tags: udesc, userdescription, user_desc)

examples:

- \$userdescription.: Tattookrazy Street Entrepreneur On The Road To Riches With My Bae <https://t.co/DvPiY95b85> (<https://t.co/DvPiY95b85>) OF #MeetTheSharkxxx Booking karolinadg106@gmail.com (<mailto:karolinadg106@gmail.com>) 
- \$udesc.: Computer Engineering
- \$user_desc.: #bitcoin since 2015

```
In [7]: #find all user_description

#regex explanation
#the user_description has two tag (\$udesc\.: |$userdescription\.: |$user_desc\.: )
#find all values (.*)
#match next tag to make sure get all value of integrity of current finding tag (

#modify regex
user_description = r'(\$udesc\.: |$userdescription\.: |$user_desc\.: )(.*)([\s\n]?\$[\w?\.\s]+)'

#find all usercode lines
l_user_description = re.findall(user_description,content,re.DOTALL)
```

3.6 Find tweet (tags: tweet, tweet_text)

examples:

- \$tweet.: @CryptoCharles__ I got in at 55k and was told to let go around 63k range. Will I repeat the same after the finish of this half of the bull run.. possibly ☐ #Bitcoin
- tweet_text.: #Bitcoin has two thresholds(TH): The higher TH is 69849 and the lower TH is 53814\$(buy). The important TH dates ar... <https://t.co/7ePGhai2Xg> (<https://t.co/7ePGhai2Xg>)

```
In [8]: #find all tweet

#regex explanation
#the tweet has two tags (\$tweet\.: |\$tweet_text\.: )
#find all values (.*)
#match next tag to make sure get all value of integrity of current finding tag (l

#modify regex
tweet = r'(\$tweet\.: |\$tweet_text\.: )(.*)(\$[\w?\.\.]+\.:)'
```

#find all usercode lines

```
l_tweet = re.findall(tweet,content,re.DOTALL)
```

3.7 Find tweet_date

example:

- \$tweet_date.: 2021-07-04 10:45:23

```
In [9]: #find all tweet_date

#regex explanation
#there is only one tag for tweet date (\$tweet_date\.: )
#find all values (.*)
#match next tag to make sure get all value of integrity of current finding tag (l

#modify regex
tweet_date = r'(\$tweet_date\.: )(.*)'
```

#find all usercode lines

```
l_tweet_date = re.findall(tweet_date,content)
```

3.8 examine

check whether the lengths for each field are consistent

3. a user can have multiple post, but the usercode is same. check if the user code exist. if the usercode exist, check posted date and change all to latest date data.
4. check the length of all keys


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In [11]: #{
#     user_code : {
#         user_name : .....
#         verified_user: .....
#         user_description: .....
#         no_followers: .....
#         tweets:[tweet]
#     }
#}

#the dict that store extracted data
data = {}

#loop each list and assign the value to correct key in dict
for i in range(len(l_tweet_date)):
    user_code = l_usercode[i][1]
    user_name = l_username[i][1]
    verified_user = l_verified_user[i][1]
    user_description = l_user_description[i][1]
    no_followers = l_no_followers[i][1]
    tweets = l_tweet[i][1]
    tweet_date = l_tweet_date[i][1]

    #check if the user code exist
    if user_code in data:
        temp_data = data[user_code]

        #record all tweets for each user
        temp_data['tweets'].append(tweets)

        #check posted date. if it is latest, change all to latest date data.
        if tweet_date > temp_data['tweet_date']:
            temp_data['user_name'] = user_name
            temp_data['verified_user'] = verified_user
            temp_data['user_description'] = user_description
            temp_data['no_followers'] = no_followers
            temp_data['tweet_date'] = tweet_date

    #if the usercode first time appear
    else:
        temp_data={}
        temp_data['user_name'] = user_name
        temp_data['verified_user'] = verified_user
        temp_data['user_description'] = user_description
        temp_data['no_followers'] = no_followers
        temp_data['tweet_date'] = tweet_date
        temp_data['tweets'] = [tweets]
        data[user_code]=temp_data

#check the length of all keys
print("length of all keys: ",len(data.keys()))

```

length of all keys: 7506

4.2 write and output the xml file

steps:

1. open a xml file
2. write down each line

example:

```
<users>
  <user name="Mr.X">
    <verified_user>False</verified_user>
    <user_description>You are very close to fulfilling your dreams, be patient and wa
    <no_followers>684.0</no_followers>
    <tweets>
      <tweet>Loving Florida, Loving #Bitcoin https://t.co/deUyzkekk6</tweet>
    </tweets>
  </user>
</user>
```

```
In [12]: #open a xml file to store manipulated data
with open('217218863.xml', 'w', encoding='UTF-8') as output:
    #first line
    output.write('<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>')

    #user tag
    output.write('<users>')

    # write down each line
    for dict_data in data.values():
        output.write(f'<user name="{str(dict_data["user_name"])}">')
        output.write(f'<verified_user>{str(dict_data["verified_user"])}</verified_user>')
        output.write(f'<user_description>{str(dict_data["user_description"])}</user_description>')
        output.write(f'<no_followers>{str(dict_data["no_followers"])}</no_followers>')
        output.write('<tweets>')

        #write down each tweets
        for tweet in dict_data['tweets']:
            output.write(f'<tweet>{str(tweet)}</tweet>')
        output.write('</tweets>')
        output.write('</user>')

    #user tag closed
    output.write('</users>')
    #close file
    output.close()
```

5. Summary

This assessment measured the understanding of basic text file processing techniques in the Python programming language. The main outcomes achieved while applying these techniques were:

- TXT parsing and data extraction: by using the built-in function `file.read()` to read the file and use the library `re` to parsing data
- Exporting data to a specific format: by using the built-in functions like `file.write()` to build an XML by simulating its format.

