

Pet Adoption Center Manager — Assignment

📋 Objective

Build a **console-based Pet Adoption Center Manager**. This app lets staff at a pet adoption center **manage pets for adoption** by creating, viewing, updating, and deleting pet records. All data must be stored in a **file** (`pets.txt`) so it persists between program runs.

📖 Instructions

- * Build a **console application** using your language of choice (**Node.js** or **C#**).
- * Use **file I/O** to persist data in a simple text-based format.
- * Handle invalid input gracefully — do not crash.
- * Data file: **pets.txt**. Start empty if no file exists yet.

Run the app using your usual method:

- * For Node.js: `node app.js`
- * For C#: compile and run your `.exe`

🖥️ Menu Design & Flow

When the app starts, show a main menu like this:

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Pet Adoption Center Manager
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1. Add new pet
2. View all pets
3. Update pet information
4. Remove pet
5. Exit
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Select an option (1-5):
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If the user enters an invalid option, display:

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Invalid option. Please enter a number between 1 and 5.

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Then redisplay the main menu.

📄 Pet Data Model

Each pet record in your data file should be stored as a single line with fields separated by pipes (`|`):

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1 | Buddy | Dog | Golden Retriever | 3 | Available
2 | Whiskers | Cat | Persian | 2 | Available
3 | Fluffy | Rabbit | Angora | 1 | Adopted
4 | Rex | Dog | German Shepherd | 5 | Removed
...

****Fields (in order):****

- * ****id**** — Unique integer ID (incremental, starting from 1)
- * ****name**** — Pet's name
- * ****species**** — e.g., Dog, Cat, Rabbit
- * ****breed**** — Breed of the pet
- * ****age**** — Age in years
- * ****status**** — Available / Adopted / Removed

📝 Menu Options

1 Add New Pet

Prompt the user for:

- * Pet name
- * Species
- * Breed
- * Age (validate it's a positive number)

Set `status` to `Available` by default.
Assign a unique `id` (find the highest existing ID + 1).
Save to file and display:

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Pet added successfully with ID: X

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Then return to main menu.

2 View All Pets

Load and display all pets in a nice table format:

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ID	Name	Species	Breed	Age	Status

1	Buddy	Dog	Golden Retriever	3	Available
2	Whiskers	Cat	Persian	2	Available
3	Fluffy	Rabbit	Angora	1	Adopted

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If no pets exist:

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No pets found.

...

****Bonus:**** Filter to show only "Available" pets in the view.

3 Update Pet Information

Ask user for Pet ID to update.

If found, prompt for each field and allow editing. (Press Enter to keep old value.)

Save changes to file and display:

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Pet information updated successfully.

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If not found:

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Pet with ID X not found.

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4 Remove Pet

Ask user for Pet ID.

If found, set `status` to `Removed` and save. Display:

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Pet removed from the system.

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If not found:

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Pet with ID X not found.

...

5 Exit

Display:

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Goodbye!

...

and exit the program.

🧩 Technical Notes

Text File Format Details

- * Each pet occupies one line in the text file
- * Fields are separated by the pipe character (|)
- * No headers in the file - just data rows
- * Empty file means no pets exist
- * When updating/deleting, read all lines, modify in memory, then rewrite the entire file

Data Validation

- * Ensure age is a positive number

- * Handle file I/O errors gracefully
- * Validate that pet IDs are numeric when searching/updating
- * Treat "Removed" pets as no longer available for adoption

Example File Content (pets.txt):

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1 | Buddy | Dog | Golden Retriever | 3 | Available

2 | Whiskers | Cat | Persian | 2 | Available

3 | Fluffy | Rabbit | Angora | 1 | Adopted

4 | Rex | Dog | German Shepherd | 5 | Removed

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💡 Additional Features (Optional)

- * ****Search functionality:**** Allow staff to search for pets by name or species
- * ****Adoption process:**** Change pet status from "Available" to "Adopted"
- * ****Statistics:**** Show total count of available, adopted, and removed pets
- * ****Age validation:**** Ensure realistic age ranges for different species