



Research Software Engineering With Python

The Alchemist's Laboratory - a package for any alchemist!

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20.3/25

Description: This assignment asked to refactor existing code and package it in a form that can be tested, installed and accessed by other users. The code to actually solve the problem was already given, but as roughly sketched out code in a notebook. Your job consisted in converting the code into a **formally structured package**, with **unit tests**, **docstrings**, a **command line interface**, using proper **object oriented structures** and demonstrating your ability to **use git version control**. This exercise has been semi-automatically marked.

Marking legend:

Title of the grading section	points received/total		
General notes about this particular section			
section being marked	auto	manual	total
Feedback about this section			
Comments here don't necessarily subtract points			
Automatically graded marks either worked or not. Noted if they had to be run manually.			

Code in laboratory.py, implementing the full experiment reaction

3.00 / 5

Which works	1	0	1.00
Cleanly laid out and formatted - PEP8	1	0	1.00
Does <code>pycodestyle</code> produce errors?			
Defining the class Laboratory (and maybe Substance) with a valid object-oriented structure	0	0	0.00
Not using the object on functions like <code>update_shelves</code> or <code>do_a_reaction</code> .			
No updated the state of the laboratory.			
Docstrings would be helpful.			
Breaking down the solution sensibly into subunits	0	1	1.00
Structured so that it could be used as a base for other type of reactions	0	0	0.00
<code>can_react</code> is fixed on the laboratory. An external class either related with the substance or independently would provide this desired requirement.			

Command line entry point

5.00 / 5

Accepting a laboratory definition text file as input <i>Does abracadabra exist? Does it accept an input yaml file?</i>	1	0	1.00
With an optional parameter to output the number of reactions <i>is reactions accepted and produce the right output?</i>	1	0	1.00
Which prints the result to standard out <i>Is the output properly formatted as a yaml file?</i>	1	0	1.00
Which correctly uses the Argparse library	0	1	1.00
Which is itself cleanly laid out and formatted <i>There's no need to unpack into a list the result of the methods.</i>	0	1	1.00

setup.py file

4.00 / 5

This section is fully marked automatically.

Which could be used to 'pip install' the project <i>pip install . didn't fail</i>	1	0	1.00
With appropriate metadata, including version number and author <i>pip show package_name displays such information.</i>	1	0	1.00
Which packages code (but not tests), correctly.	0	0	0.00
Which specifies library dependencies	1	0	1.00
Which points to the entry point function	1	0	1.00

Three other metadata files

2.50 / 3

1 point per file present. Marks removed if the content is not meaningful.

Who did it, how to reference it, who can copy it <i>The content of the readme file is not relevant to this library.</i>	1	1.5	2.50
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Unit tests

3.80 / 5

1 point if pytest run automatically without errors (distributed as 0.2 on each subsection). Maximum mark per subsection is 1 point (0.2 automatically and 0.8 manually).

Which test some obvious cases <i>Not unit tested the different methods on the Laboratory</i>	0.2	0.4	0.60
Which correctly handle random selections <i>Not tested</i>	0.2	0.0	0.20
Which test how the code fails when invoked incorrectly	0.2	0.8	1.00
Which use a fixture file or other approach to avoid overly repetitive test code <i>DRY fixture only used on the first test.</i>	0.2	0.8	1.00
Which are themselves cleanly laid out code <i>Though command should have been imported from ..command</i>	0.2	0.8	1.00

Version control2.00 / 2

0.5 point in total if git was used in the project (distributed as 0.25 on each subsection). Maximum mark per subsection is 1 point (0.25 automatically and 0.75 manually).

Sensible commit sizes	0.25	0.75	1.00
<i>added binaries files to the repository but then removed at the end.</i>			
Appropriate commit comments	0.25	0.75	1.00
