

Algorithm for file updates in Python

Project description

Built an algorithm that would update the file of the users who can access restricted information based on a list of IPs. The algorithm iterated through the list and removed the ones that matched on the remove list.

Open the file that contains the allow list

```
# Assign `import_file` to the name of the file
import_file = "allow_list.txt"

# Assign `remove_list` to a list of IP addresses that are no longer allowed to access restricted information.
remove_list = ["192.168.97.225", "192.168.158.170", "192.168.201.40", "192.168.58.57"]

# First line of `with` statement
with open(import_file, "r") as file:
```

Read the file contents

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# Assign `import_file` to the name of the file
import_file = "allow_list.txt"

# Assign `remove_list` to a list of IP addresses that are no longer allowed to access restricted information.
remove_list = ["192.168.97.225", "192.168.158.170", "192.168.201.40", "192.168.58.57"]

# Build `with` statement to read in the initial contents of the file
with open(import_file, "r") as file:

    # Use `.read()` to read the imported file and store it in a variable named `ip_addresses`
    ip_addresses = file.read()

# Display `ip_addresses`
print(ip_addresses)
```

Convert the string into a list

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# Assign `import_file` to the name of the file
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remove_list = ["192.168.97.225", "192.168.158.170", "192.168.201.40", "192.168.58.57"]

# Build `with` statement to read in the initial contents of the file
with open(import_file, "r") as file:
    # Use `.read()` to read the imported file and store it in a variable named `ip_addresses`
    ip_addresses = file.read()

# Use `.split()` to convert `ip_addresses` from a string to a list
ip_addresses = ip_addresses.split()

# Display `ip_addresses`
print(ip_addresses)
```

Iterate through the remove list

```
# Assign `import_file` to the name of the file
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remove_list = ["192.168.97.225", "192.168.158.170", "192.168.201.40", "192.168.58.57"]

# Build `with` statement to read in the initial contents of the file
with open(import_file, "r") as file:
    # Use `.read()` to read the imported file and store it in a variable named `ip_addresses`
    ip_addresses = file.read()

# Use `.split()` to convert `ip_addresses` from a string to a list
ip_addresses = ip_addresses.split()

# Build iterative statement
# Name loop variable `element`
# Loop through `ip_addresses`
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for element in ip_addresses:
    # Display `element` in every iteration
    print(element)
```

Remove IP addresses that are on the remove list

```
# Assign `import_file` to the name of the file
import_file = "allow_list.txt"

# Assign `remove_list` to a list of IP addresses that are no longer allowed to access restricted information.
remove_list = ["192.168.97.225", "192.168.158.170", "192.168.201.40", "192.168.58.57"]

# Build `with` statement to read in the initial contents of the file
with open(import_file, "r") as file:

    # Use `.read()` to read the imported file and store it in a variable named `ip_addresses`
    ip_addresses = file.read()

# Use `.split()` to convert `ip_addresses` from a string to a list
ip_addresses = ip_addresses.split()

# Build iterative statement
# Name loop variable `element`
# Loop through `ip_addresses`
for element in ip_addresses:

    # Build conditional statement
    # If current element is in `remove_list`,
    if element in remove_list:

        # then current element should be removed from `ip_addresses`
        ip_addresses.remove(element)

# Display `ip_addresses`
print(ip_addresses)
```

Update the file with the revised list of IP addresses

```
# Assign `import_file` to the name of the file
import_file = "allow_list.txt"

# Assign `remove_list` to a list of IP addresses that are no longer allowed to access restricted information.
remove_list = ["192.168.97.225", "192.168.158.170", "192.168.201.40", "192.168.58.57"]

# Build `with` statement to read in the initial contents of the file
with open(import_file, "r") as file:
    # Use `.read()` to read the imported file and store it in a variable named `ip_addresses`
    ip_addresses = file.read()

# Use `.split()` to convert `ip_addresses` from a string to a list
ip_addresses = ip_addresses.split()

# Build iterative statement
for element in ip_addresses:
    # Build conditional statement
    if element in remove_list:
        ip_addresses.remove(element)

# Convert `ip_addresses` back to a string so that it can be written into the text file
ip_addresses = " ".join(ip_addresses)

# Build `with` statement to rewrite the original file
with open(import_file, "w") as file:
    # Rewrite the file, replacing its contents with `ip_addresses`
    file.write(ip_addresses)
```

Summary

I used the `with` and `open()` functions to open a file and the `.read()` to read it, then converted the string of IPs to a list so that they could be removed if necessary using the `.split()` function. I then wrote an algorithm that went through the list and removed all IP addresses that were in the list of ones that needed to be removed using a `for` loop, the `if` function, and the `.remove()` method. I then updated the file with the revised list of IPs and converted it back into a string using the `.join` method