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## **IMAGE CAPTION GENERATOR**

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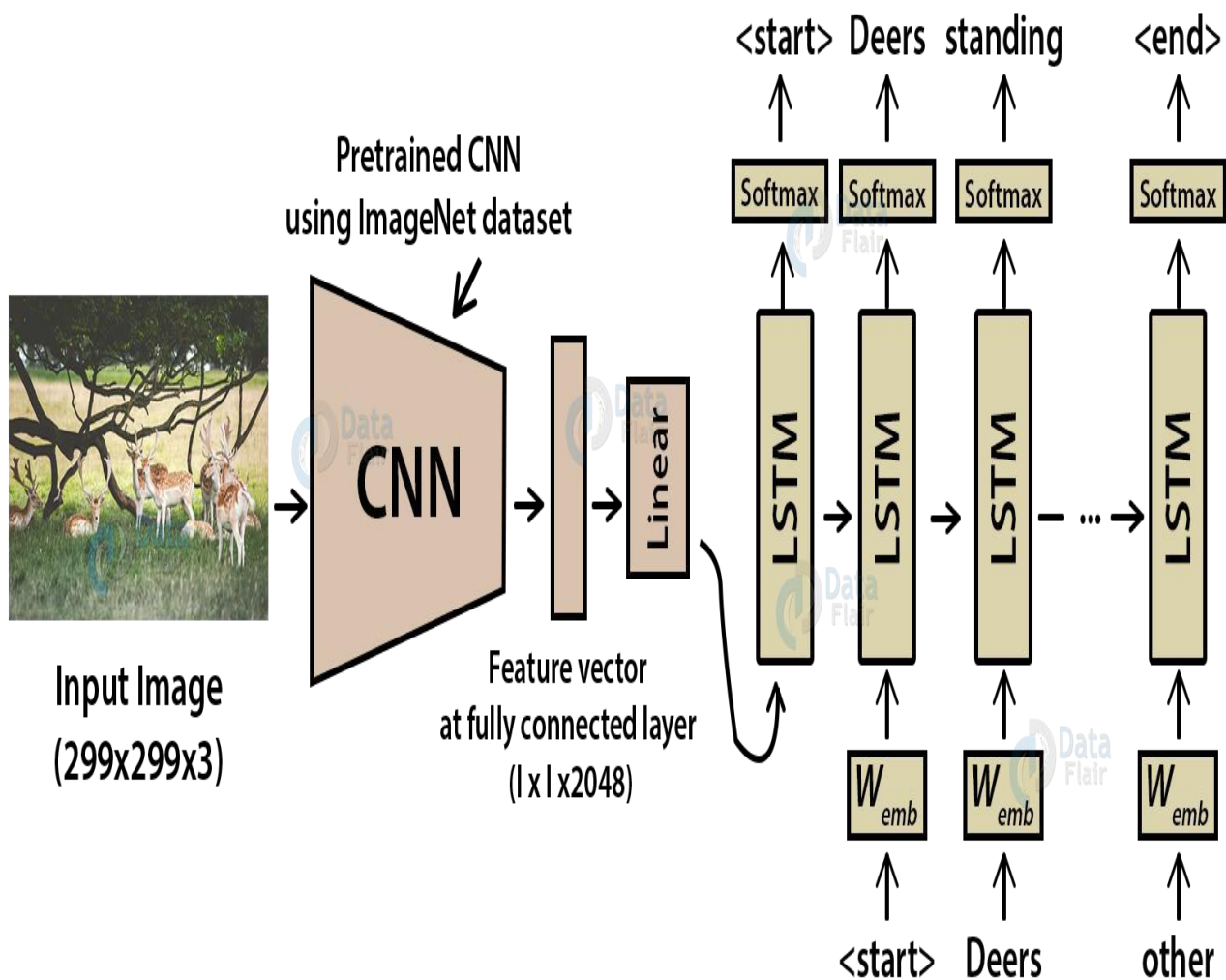
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# IMAGE CAPTION GENERATOR:



## Model - Image Caption Generator



# **INTRODUCTION**

## **A. General Introduction of Topic**

- What do you see in the below picture?



Well some of you might say “A white dog in a grassy area”, some may say “White dog with brown spots” and yet some others might say “A dog on grass and some pink flowers”

The purpose of this project is to explain how Deep Learning can be used to solve this problem of generating a caption for a given image, hence the name Image Caption Generator!

## **B. Area of Computer Science :**

- Computer vision researchers worked on this a lot and they considered it impossible until now! With the advancement in Deep learning

techniques, availability of huge data sets and computer power, we can build models that can generate captions for an image.

- We will use deep learning techniques of Convolutional Neural Networks and a type of Recurrent Neural Network (LSTM) together.
- We also use concepts of Natural Language Processing for textual representation of caption !

## **C. Hardware and Software Requirements**

### **a) Hardware (minimum):**

- External Hard Drives for Backup
  - Internet connection
  - 4GB RAM
  - Hard disk
  - i3 Processor (6<sup>th</sup> gen)
  - Minimum resolution :1024x765 Display

### **b) Software:**

- Tensorflow
- Keras
- Pillow
- Numpy
- Tqdm
- jupyterlab

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## **2. Problem Definition:**

In recent years, with the rapid development of artificial intelligence, image caption has gradually attracted the attention of many researchers in the field of artificial intelligence and has become an interesting and arduous task. Image caption, automatically generating natural language descriptions according to the content observed in an image, is an important part of scene understanding, which combines the knowledge of computer vision and natural language processing. The application of image caption is extensive and significant, for example, the realization of human-computer interaction. This project summarizes the related methods and focuses on the attention mechanism, which plays an important role in computer vision and is recently widely used in image caption generation tasks. Furthermore, the advantages and the shortcomings of these methods are discussed, providing the commonly used data sets and evaluation criteria in this field. Finally, this project highlights some open challenges in the image caption task.

### **3. Objective:**

•A captioning model relies on two main components, a CNN and an RNN. Captioning aims at merging the two to combine their most powerful attributes i.e.

1. CNN's excel at preserving spatial information and images; and
2. RNN's work well with any kind of sequential data, such as generating a sequence of words. So by merging the two, you can get a model that can find patterns and images, and then use that information to help generate a description of those images.

### **4. Implementation Details**

The task of image captioning can be divided into two modules logically – one is an image based model – which extracts the features and nuances out of our image, and the other is a language based model – which translates the features and objects given by our image based model to a natural sentence.

For our image based model we usually rely on a Convolutional Neural Network model. And for our language based model we rely on a Recurrent Neural Network. We'll feed an image into a CNN. We will use the Flickr 8k dataset. This dataset contains 8000 images each with 5 captions.

So now CNN acts as a feature extractor that compresses the information in the original image into a smaller representation. Since it encodes the content of the image into a smaller feature vector hence, this CNN is often called the encoder.

When we process this feature vector and use it as an initial input to the following RNN, then it would be called decoder because RNN would decode the process feature vector and turn it into natural language.



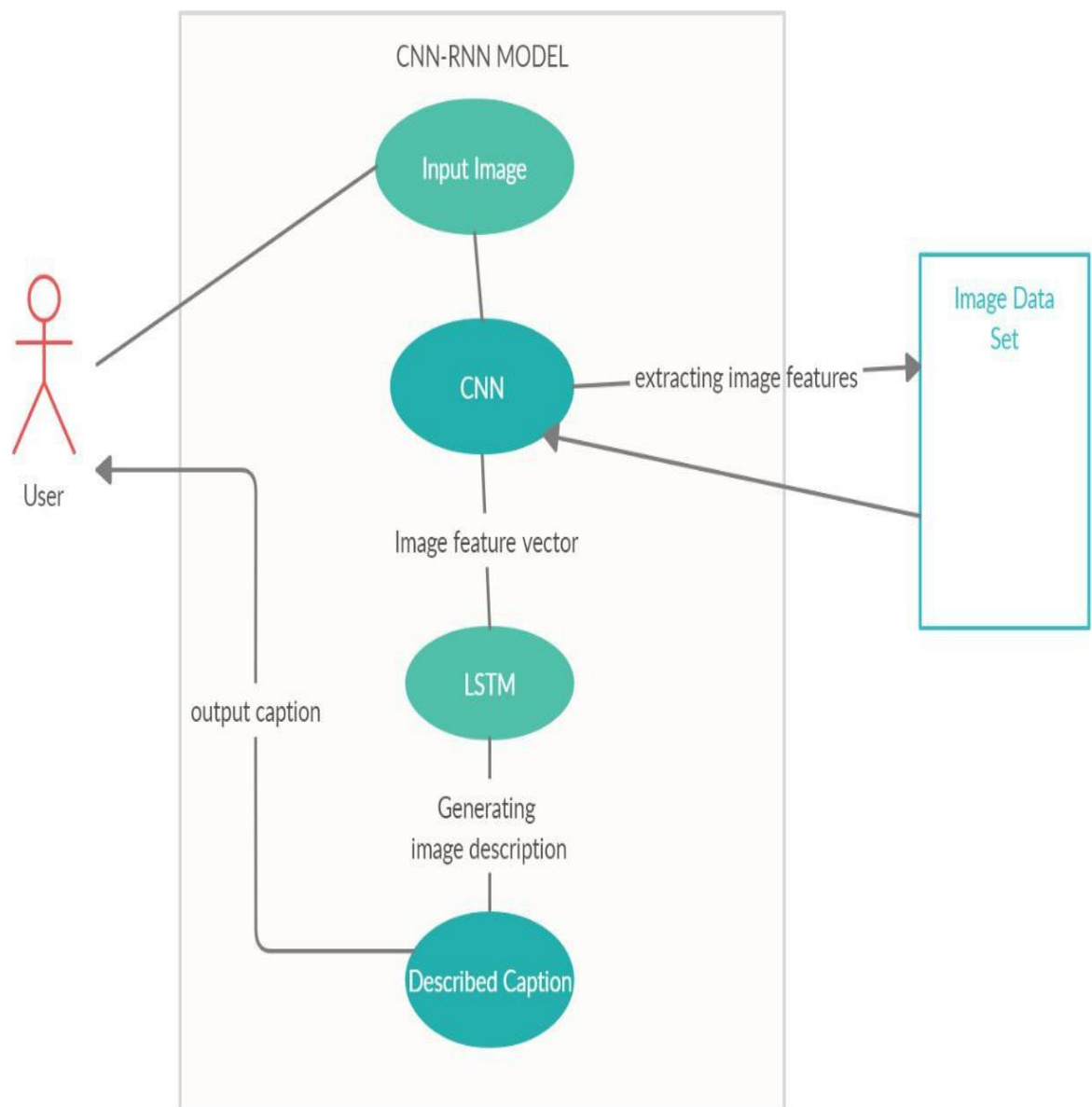
## **5. Future Prospects**

As day by day, we are facing advancement in the field of technology, this Image caption generator can be a useful application to retrieve data of an image. Image captioning has various applications such as recommendations in editing applications, usage in virtual assistants, for image indexing, for visually impaired persons, for social media, and several other natural language processing applications.

As an example : Self driving cars — Automatic driving is one of the biggest challenges and if we can properly caption the scene around the car, it can give a boost to the self driving system.

- i. Aid to the blind — We can create a product for the blind which will guide them travelling on the roads without the support of anyone else. We can do this by first converting the scene into text and then the text to voice. Both are now famous applications of Deep Learning. CCTV cameras are everywhere today, but along with viewing the world, if we can also generate relevant captions, then we can raise alarms as soon as there is some malicious activity going on somewhere. This could probably help reduce some crime and/or accidents.
- iii. Automatic Captioning can help, make Google Image Search as good as Google Search, as then every image could be first converted into a caption and then search can be performed based on the caption.

## Use Case Diagram

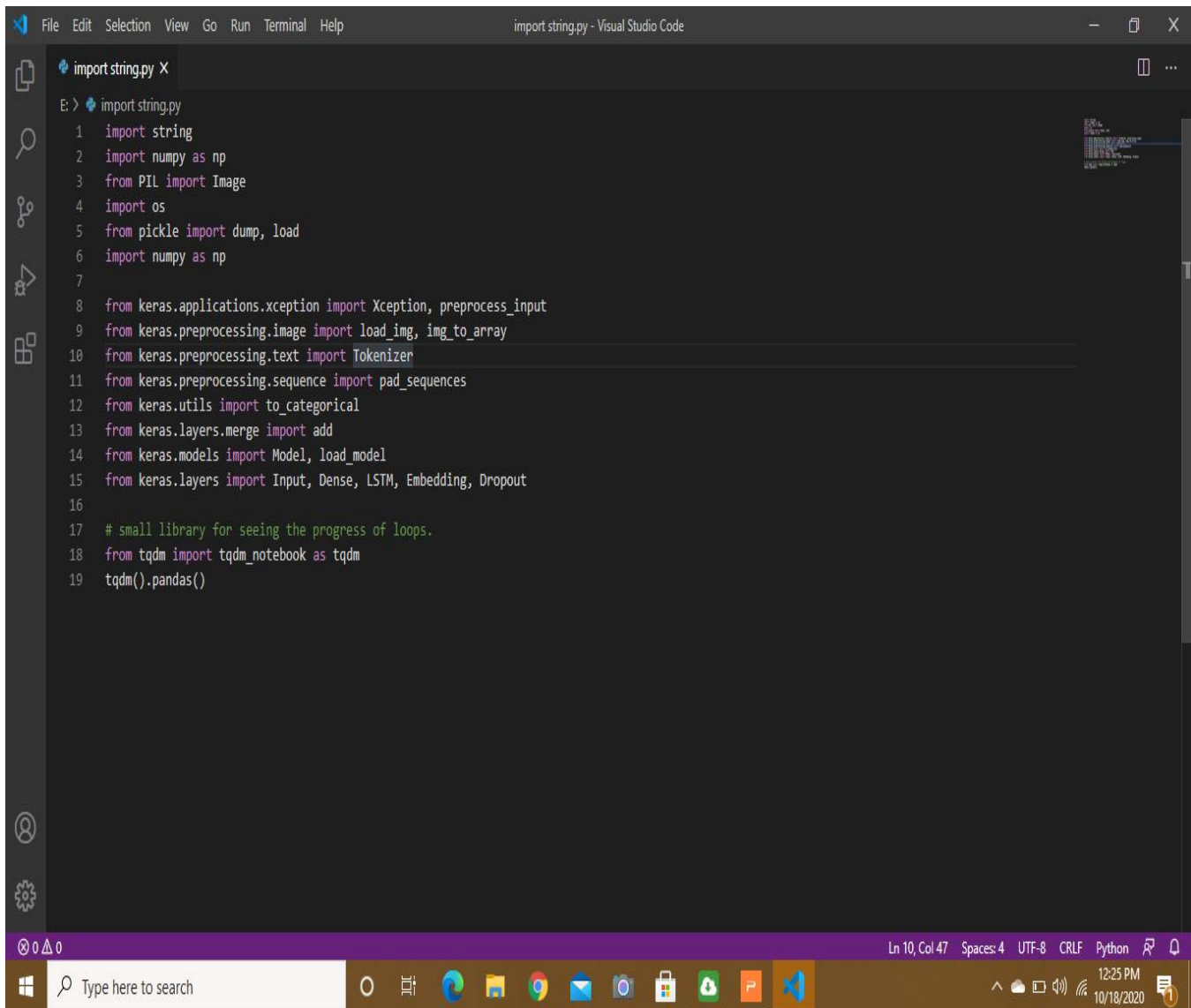


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## **6. Progress till date:**

1. We have successfully imported the packages and modules that will be used to make the Image caption generator.
2. Started the data cleaning process .
3. We are learning the other concepts simultaneously as well.

# Screenshots

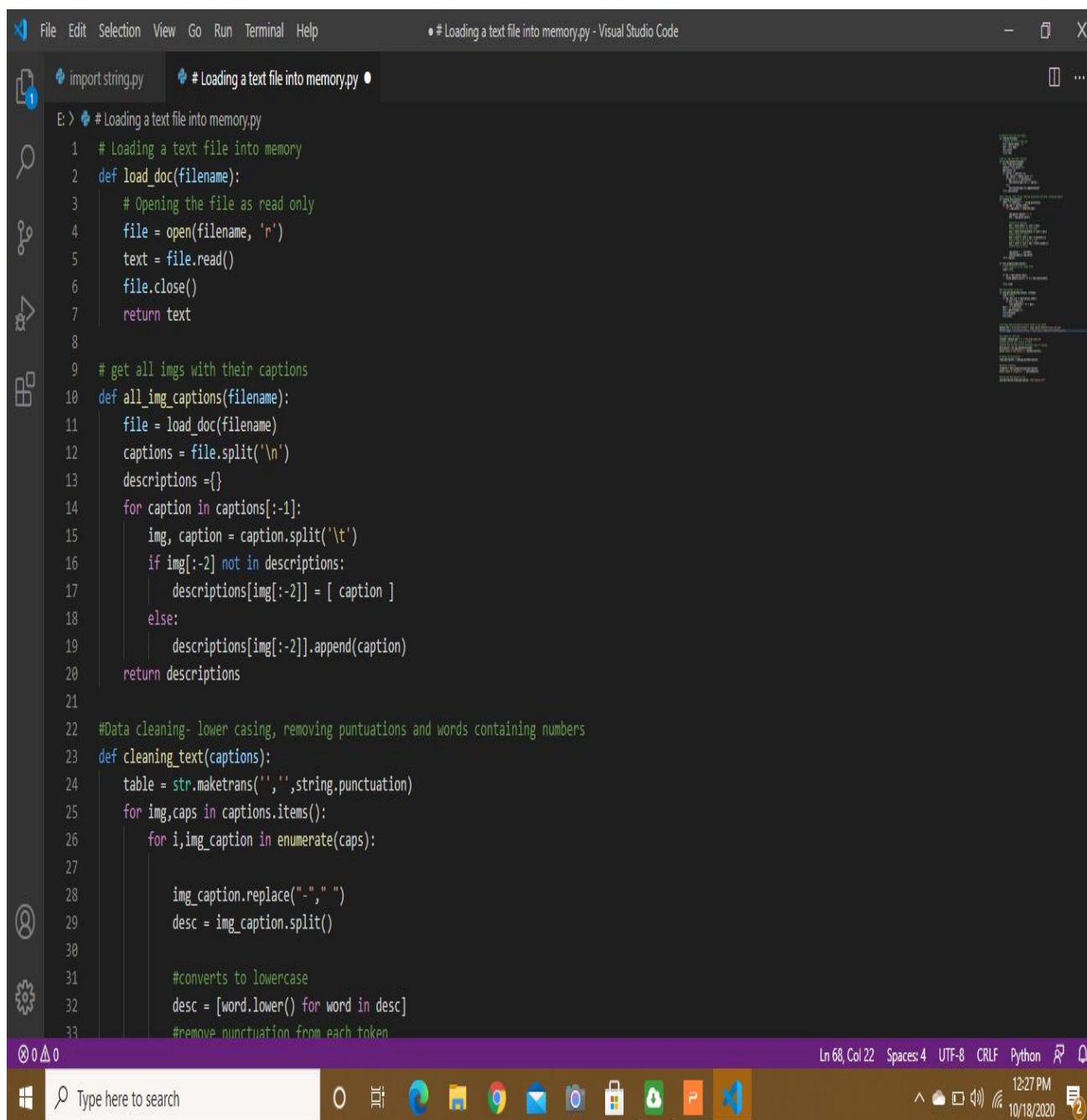


The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code editor interface. The title bar at the top reads "import string.py - Visual Studio Code". The editor window displays a Python file named "import string.py" with the following code:

```
E:\> import string.py
1  import string
2  import numpy as np
3  from PIL import Image
4  import os
5  from pickle import dump, load
6  import numpy as np
7
8  from keras.applications.xception import Xception, preprocess_input
9  from keras.preprocessing.image import load_img, img_to_array
10 from keras.preprocessing.text import Tokenizer
11 from keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad_sequences
12 from keras.utils import to_categorical
13 from keras.layers.merge import add
14 from keras.models import Model, load_model
15 from keras.layers import Input, Dense, LSTM, Embedding, Dropout
16
17 # small library for seeing the progress of loops.
18 from tqdm import tqdm_notebook as tqdm
19 tqdm().pandas()
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the current position is "Ln 10, Col 47", with "Spaces: 4", "UTF-8", "CRLF", and "Python" selected. The Windows taskbar is visible at the very bottom, showing the search bar and several application icons.

Fig 1 -Importing of modules and packages

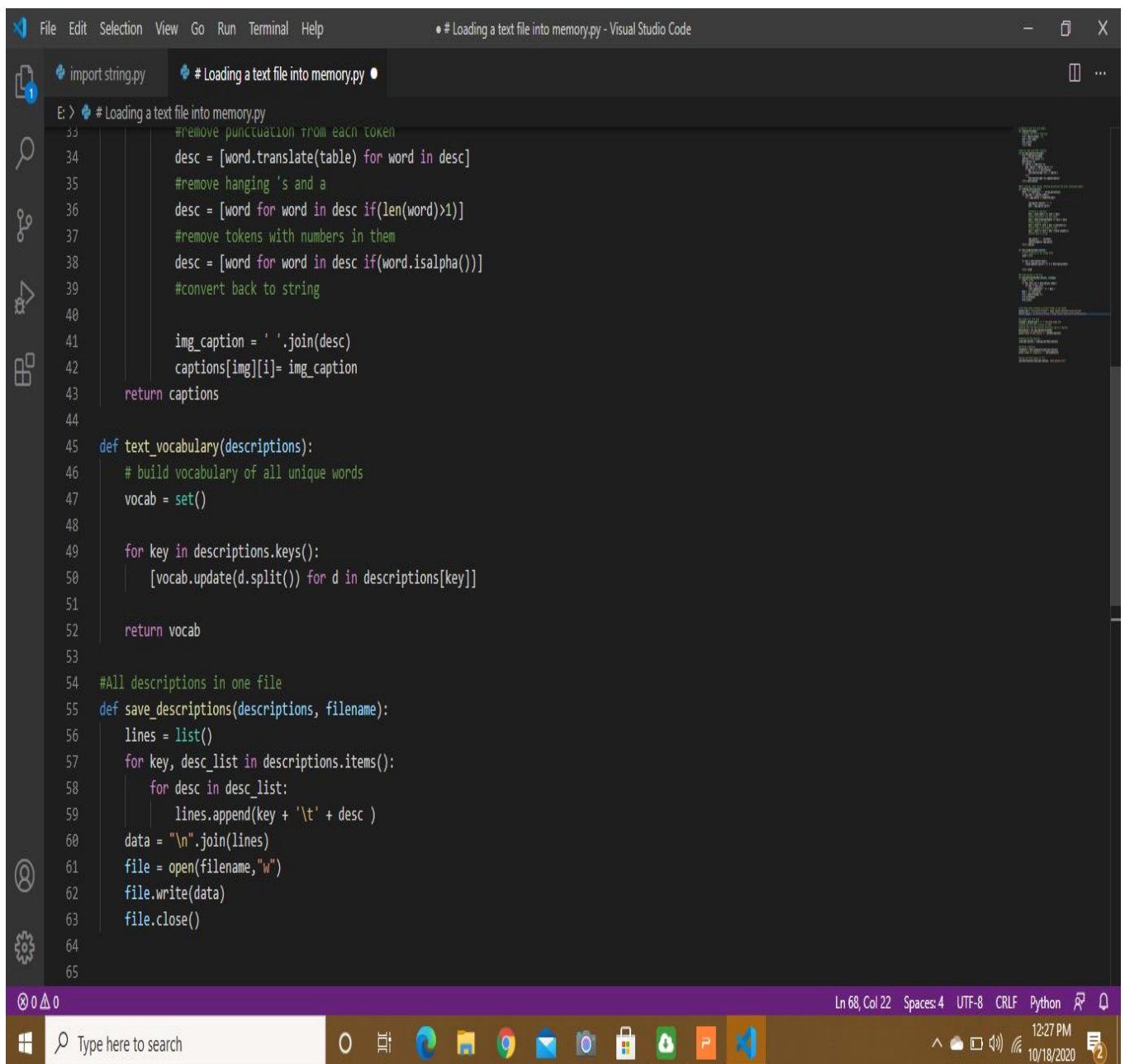


The image shows a Visual Studio Code editor window with a Python script titled "Loading a text file into memory.py". The script is written in Python and includes comments in green. The code defines two functions: `load_doc(filename)` and `all_img_captions(filename)`. The `load_doc` function opens a file, reads its content, and returns it. The `all_img_captions` function reads a file, splits it into captions, and processes each caption to extract image IDs and descriptions. It also includes a `cleaning_text` function that removes punctuation and converts text to lowercase. The script is running in a terminal window, and the output is visible on the right side of the editor.

```
E:\> # Loading a text file into memory.py
1 # Loading a text file into memory
2 def load_doc(filename):
3     # Opening the file as read only
4     file = open(filename, 'r')
5     text = file.read()
6     file.close()
7     return text
8
9 # get all imgs with their captions
10 def all_img_captions(filename):
11     file = load_doc(filename)
12     captions = file.split('\n')
13     descriptions = {}
14     for caption in captions[:-1]:
15         img, caption = caption.split('\t')
16         if img[:-2] not in descriptions:
17             descriptions[img[:-2]] = [ caption ]
18         else:
19             descriptions[img[:-2]].append(caption)
20     return descriptions
21
22 #Data cleaning- lower casing, removing punctuations and words containing numbers
23 def cleaning_text(captions):
24     table = str.maketrans('', '', string.punctuation)
25     for img,caps in captions.items():
26         for i,img_caption in enumerate(caps):
27
28             img_caption.replace("-", " ")
29             desc = img_caption.split()
30
31             #converts to lowercase
32             desc = [word.lower() for word in desc]
33             #remove punctuation from each token
```

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Fig 2- Data cleaning and creation of descriptive text



```
File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help • # Loading a text file into memory.py - Visual Studio Code
import string.py • # Loading a text file into memory.py
E: > # Loading a text file into memory.py
33 #remove punctuation from each token
34 desc = [word.translate(table) for word in desc]
35 #remove hanging 's and a
36 desc = [word for word in desc if(len(word)>1)]
37 #remove tokens with numbers in them
38 desc = [word for word in desc if(word.isalpha())]
39 #convert back to string
40
41 img_caption = ' '.join(desc)
42 captions[img][i]= img_caption
43 return captions
44
45 def text_vocabulary(descriptions):
46     # build vocabulary of all unique words
47     vocab = set()
48
49     for key in descriptions.keys():
50         [vocab.update(d.split()) for d in descriptions[key]]
51
52     return vocab
53
54 #All descriptions in one file
55 def save_descriptions(descriptions, filename):
56     lines = list()
57     for key, desc_list in descriptions.items():
58         for desc in desc_list:
59             lines.append(key + '\t' + desc )
60     data = "\n".join(lines)
61     file = open(filename,"w")
62     file.write(data)
63     file.close()
64
65
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Fig 3- Data cleaning and creation of descriptive text



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1000268201_693b08cb0e.jpg#1	A girl going into a wooden building .					
1000268201_693b08cb0e.jpg#2	A little girl climbing into a wooden playhouse .					
1000268201_693b08cb0e.jpg#3	A little girl climbing the stairs to her playhouse .					
1000268201_693b08cb0e.jpg#4	A little girl in a pink dress going into a wooden cabin .					
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1001773457_577c3a7d70.jpg#1	A black dog and a tri-colored dog playing with each other on the road .					
1001773457_577c3a7d70.jpg#2	A black dog and a white dog with brown spots are staring at each other in the					
1001773457_577c3a7d70.jpg#3	Two dogs of different breeds looking at each other on the road .					
1001773457_577c3a7d70.jpg#4	Two dogs on pavement moving toward each other .					
1002674143_1b742ab4b8.jpg#0	A little girl covered in paint sits in front of a painted rainbow with her han					
1002674143_1b742ab4b8.jpg#1	A little girl is sitting in front of a large painted rainbow .					
1002674143_1b742ab4b8.jpg#2	A small girl in the grass plays with fingerpaints in front of a white canvas w					
1002674143_1b742ab4b8.jpg#3	There is a girl with pigtails sitting in front of a rainbow painting .					
1002674143_1b742ab4b8.jpg#4	Young girl with pigtails painting outside in the grass .					
1003163366_44323f5815.jpg#0	A man lays on a bench while his dog sits by him .					
1003163366_44323f5815.jpg#1	A man lays on the bench to which a white dog is also tied .					
1003163366_44323f5815.jpg#2	a man sleeping on a bench outside with a white and black dog sitting next to h					
1003163366_44323f5815.jpg#3	A shirtless man lies on a park bench with his dog .					
1003163366_44323f5815.jpg#4	man laying on bench holding leash of dog sitting on ground					
1007129816_e794419615.jpg#0	A man in an orange hat starring at something .					
1007129816_e794419615.jpg#1	A man wears an orange hat and glasses .					
1007129816_e794419615.jpg#2	A man with gauges and glasses is wearing a Blitz hat .					
1007129816_e794419615.jpg#3	A man with glasses is wearing a beer can crocheted hat .					
1007129816_e794419615.jpg#4	The man with pierced ears is wearing glasses and an orange hat .					
1007320043_627395c3d8.jpg#0	A child playing on a rope net .					

Fig 4- Data set

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1000268201_693b08cb0e.jpg	child in pink dress is climbing up set of stairs in
1000268201_693b08cb0e.jpg	girl going into wooden building
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1002674143_1b742ab4b8.jpg	young girl with pigtails painting outside in the grass
1003163366_44323f5815.jpg	man lays on bench while his dog sits by him

Fig 5 - Descriptivetxt file.



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### ◆ **Faculty Guidelines**

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