



Lecture 3 - Functions, Notebooks, Workflow

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Thus, the best thing to do is to automatize the process to write the emails, avoiding to write 100 times the same message.

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Solve many little problems is easier than solve a huge task both in terms of **time** and **complexity**!

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positive response('Dario')
```

Dear Dario,
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See you soon,
Facebook HR team.

Response (2/2)

```
def negative_response(name):  
    """ This function returns the text of the message if the candidate  
        is not hired.  
  
    Inputs:  
    @name: candidate name"""  
  
    print ("""Dear %s, \nWe inform you that, unfortunately, you will be part of our team!  
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```
negative_response('Giorgio')
```

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    """ This function returns the text of the message we should send to @name.  
  
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    @name: candidate name  
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    if response == 0:  
        negative_response(name)  
        return 'OK'  
  
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Send a response to each candidate (version 1)

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    """  
    INPUTS:  
    @num_candidates: number of person to send the email  
    @dict_candidates: dictionary (key,values):(name, response)  
  
    RETURNS:  
    @number_email_sent: number of emails that has been sent  
    @wrong_result: list candidate's names the email has not been sent"""  
  
    number_email_sent = 0  
    wrong_result = []  
  
    for name, response in dict_candidates.items():  
        if email_response(name, response) == 'OK':  
            number_email_sent += 1  
        else:  
            wrong_result.append(name)  
  
    percentage_sent = number_email_sent/num_candidates*100  
  
    return str(percentage_sent) + '%', wrong_result
```

Can you tell me in 10
seconds that it does?

Send a response to each candidate (version 2)

```
def send_email(num_candidates, dict_candidates):  
    """  
    INPUTS:  
    @num_candidates: number of person to send the email  
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    # Initialize variables  
    number_email_sent = 0  
    wrong_result = []  
  
    # For each candidate (and the respective response)  
    for name, response in dict_candidates.items():  
        # If the text has been correctly created  
        if email_response(name, response) == 'OK':  
            # Update the number of sent emails  
            number_email_sent += 1  
  
        # Otherwise  
        else:  
            # Append to the list the candidate's name whose email isn't correct  
            wrong_result.append(name)  
  
    # Define percentage of sent emails  
    percentage_sent = number_email_sent/num_candidates*100  
  
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Send a response

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Can't get replaced if you don't comment your code



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I'm always tempted to do this

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Exploit the exceptions to
debug the code

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REMARKS

1. Give meaningful name to your functions (and its inputs)
2. Provide the documentation for your function (including INPUTS, RETURNS)
3. Comment your code to let the readers have a glance
4. Think about the possible exceptions

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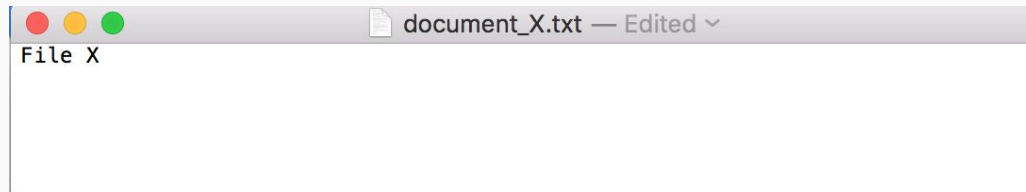
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- Modify the Notebook following the instructions in it (to be more independent I suggest you to open on your laptop the .pdf version of the slides)

Task 2: We have to create 1000 files and store them in folders (50 per directory).

Deliverables:

- Files: each file is named “document_X.txt”, where X is a number from 0 to 999. The content of the file is the following:



- Folders: each folder stores 50 documents and its name defines the files in the directory (e.g. Documents 0-49, Documents 50-99, ...).



How do we proceed? (1/3)

To accomplish the task we need to define different functions.

1. `create_directories(num_file, file_per_dir):`

- a. Define the number of folders you obtain with `num_file` and `file_per_dir`
- b. Define the list of intervals (*result*: [(0,49), (50,99), ...])
- c. Define the list of directory names (*result*: ["Documents 0-49", "Documents 50-99", ...])
- d. Create the directories. **Remark:** before creating the folder, check whether it already exists (*hint*: look for it on Google..it's just one line:-)
)
- e. Return the list of intervals

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```
def create_directories(num_file, file_per_dir):  
    """The function creates the directories.  
  
    Inputs:  
    @num_file: number of total files  
    @file_per_dir: number of files per dir  
  
    Returns:  
    @intervals: list of intervals each directory covers  
    """  
  
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    [REDACTED]  
  
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    """  
  
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    # b. Define the list of intervals [(0,49), (50, 99), ...])  
      
  
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    intervals = [(i, i + (file_per_dir-1)) for i in range(0, num_file, file_per_dir)]  
  
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    for directory in directories:  
        if not os.path.exists(directory):  
            os.makedirs(directory)  
  
    return intervals
```


2. **create_file(*dir*, *idx*):**

- a. Open a new file where you can write
- b. Write the content “File X” in the file, where X is the *idx* of the file
- c. Save the file in the correct directory (*dir*) with file’s name “document_X”, where X is again *idx*

How do we proceed? (2/3)

```
def create_file(direct, idx):  
    """The function creates a file and stores it in the right directory.  
  
    Inputs:  
    @direct: directory path (e.g. 'Documents 0-49/')  
    @idx: index (number) of the file  
  
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    with open(direct + 'document_' + str(idx), 'w') as f:  
        f.write('File ' + str(idx) + '.txt')
```

3. **solve_task**(*num_files*, *intervals*):

- a. For each index (from 0 to 999)
 - b. For each interval check if the index is in the interval
 - c. If yes, create the file and break the loop

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```
def solve_task(num_file, intervals):  
    """The function creates the input number of files storing them in the correct folders.
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How do we proceed? (3/3)

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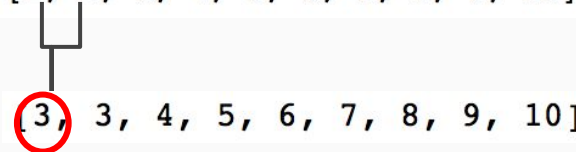
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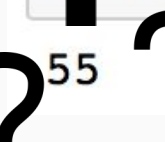
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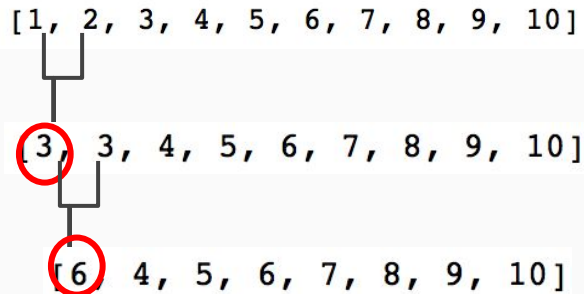
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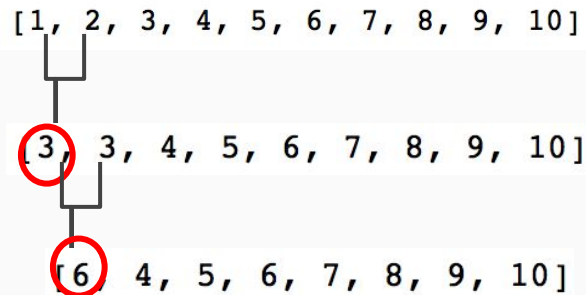
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