1. How do you distinguish between shutil.copy() and shutil.copytree()?

**Answer:** The shutil.copy() function will copy a single file, while shutil.copytree() will copy an entire folder, along with all its contents.

2. What function is used to rename files?

**Answer:** The shutil.move() function is used for renaming files, as well as moving them.

3. What is the difference between the delete functions in the send2trash and shutil modules?

**Answer:** The send2trash functions will move a file or folder to the recycle bin, while shutil functions will permanently delete files and folders.

4.ZipFile objects have a close() method just like File objects’ close() method. What ZipFile method is equivalent to File objects’ open() method?

**Answer:** The zipfile.ZipFile() function is equivalent to the open() function; the first argument is the filename, and the second argument is the mode to open the ZIP file in (read, write, or append).

5. Create a programme that searches a folder tree for files with a certain file extension (such as .pdf or .jpg). Copy these files from whatever location they are in to a new folder.

Answer:

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| import os, shutil |
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|  | def selectiveCopy(folder, extensions, destFolder): |
|  | folder = os.path.abspath(folder) |
|  | destFolder = os.path.abspath(destFolder) |
|  | print('Looking in', folder, 'for files with extensions of', ', '.join(extensions)) |
|  | for foldername, subfolders, filenames in os.walk(folder): |
|  | for filename in filenames: |
|  | name, extension = os.path.splitext(filename) |
|  | if extension in extensions: |
|  | fileAbsPath = foldername + os.path.sep + filename |
|  | print('Coping', fileAbsPath, 'to', destFolder) |
|  | shutil.copy(fileAbsPath, destFolder) |
|  |  |
|  | extensions = ['.php', '.py'] |
|  | folder = 'randomFolder' |
|  | destFolder = 'selectiveFolder' |
|  | selectiveCopy(folder, extensions, destFolder) |