

# 7 File Handling

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To edit text files in Python, we write a function that assigns the content of a file to a variable as a string.

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1 \KeywordTok{def}\NormalTok{ file\_reader(path :  
  }\BuiltInTok{str}\NormalTok{) }\OperatorTok{{-}}\textgreater{}  
  \BuiltInTok{str}\NormalTok{:}  
2  
3     \ControlFlowTok{with} \BuiltInTok{open}\NormalTok{(path, mode)\Operator  
Tok{=}\StringTok{\textquotesingle{}r\textquotesingle{}}\NormalTok{,}  
encoding)\OperatorTok{=}\StringTok{\textquotesingle{}utf{-}8\textquotesingle{}}  
e{}\NormalTok{) }\ImportTok{as}\NormalTok{ f:}  
4 \NormalTok{    text }\OperatorTok{=}\NormalTok{ f.read()  
5  
6     \ControlFlowTok{return}\NormalTok{ text}
```

To write encrypted or decrypted text to a file in Python, we write a function that writes a string to a file.

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1 \KeywordTok{def}\NormalTok{ file\_writer(path :  
  }\BuiltInTok{str}\NormalTok{, text : }\BuiltInTok{str}\NormalTok{)  
  }\OperatorTok{{-}}\textgreater{} \VariableTok{None}\NormalTok{:}  
2 \NormalTok{    i }\OperatorTok{=}\DecValTok{0}  
3 \NormalTok{    grouped\_text }\OperatorTok{=}\StringTok{""}  
4     \ControlFlowTok{for}\NormalTok{ c }\KeywordTok{in}\NormalTok{ text:}  
5 \NormalTok{    i }\OperatorTok{+=}\DecValTok{1}  
6     \ControlFlowTok{if}\NormalTok{ i }\OperatorTok{\%}\DecValTok{50}  
  \OperatorTok{==}\DecValTok{0}\NormalTok{:}  
7 \NormalTok{    grouped\_text }\OperatorTok{+=}\NormalTok{ c  
  }\OperatorTok{+}\StringTok{"\CharTok{\textbackslash{}n}\StringTok{"}  
8     \ControlFlowTok{elif}\NormalTok{ i }\OperatorTok{\%}\DecValTok{5}  
  \OperatorTok{==}\DecValTok{0}\NormalTok{:}  
9 \NormalTok{    grouped\_text }\OperatorTok{+=}\NormalTok{ c  
  }\OperatorTok{+}\StringTok{" "  
10     \ControlFlowTok{else}\NormalTok{:}  
11 \NormalTok{    grouped\_text }\OperatorTok{+=}\NormalTok{ c}
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12     \ControlFlowTok{with} \BuiltInTok{open}\NormalTok{(path, mode)\Operator
13 Tok{=}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}w\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{,
encoding}\OperatorTok{=}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}utf{-}8\textquotesingl
e}\}\NormalTok{) } \ImportTok{as}\NormalTok{
f:}
14 \NormalTok{      f.write(grouped\_text)}

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To ensure that texts consist exclusively of ASCII uppercase letters, we write a function that converts all lowercase letters to uppercase and converts all umlauts to their equivalent letters. All other characters are removed.

To have all methods for processing strings available, the string module must first be imported.

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1  \ImportTok{import}\NormalTok{ string}

1  \KeywordTok{def}\NormalTok{ text\_cleaning(text :
}\BuiltInTok{str}\NormalTok{) } \OperatorTok{{-}\textgreater{}}
}\BuiltInTok{str}\NormalTok{:}
2  \NormalTok{      clean } \OperatorTok{=}\NormalTok{ text.upper()
}\OperatorTok{\textbackslash{}}
3  \NormalTok{
.replace()}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}Ä\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{,
}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}AE\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{)
}\OperatorTok{\textbackslash{}}
4  \NormalTok{
.replace()}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}Ö\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{,
}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}OE\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{)
}\OperatorTok{\textbackslash{}}
5  \NormalTok{
.replace()}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}Ü\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{,
}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}UE\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{)
}\OperatorTok{\textbackslash{}}
6  \NormalTok{
.replace()}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}ß\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{,
}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}SS\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{)
}\OperatorTok{\textbackslash{}}
7  \NormalTok{      .replace()}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}
\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{,
}\StringTok{\textquotesingle}\textquotesingle}\NormalTok{)
}\OperatorTok{\textbackslash{}}
8
9  \NormalTok{      cleaned\_text } \OperatorTok{=}
\StringTok{\textquotesingle}\textquotesingle}

10
11     \ControlFlowTok{for}\NormalTok{ c } \KeywordTok{in}\NormalTok{ clean:}
12     \ControlFlowTok{if}\NormalTok{ c.isalpha():}
13 \NormalTok{      cleaned\_text } \OperatorTok{+=}\NormalTok{ c}

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\ControlFlowTok{return}\NormalTok{ cleaned\_text}
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