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PROJECT REPORT

Stopwatch and Alarm Clock Console Application

Introduction

This project is a Python-based console application that provides two essential time-related utilities: Stopwatch and Alarm Clock. The program uses simple menu-driven interaction to help users measure time or set alarms.

Objectives

- Build a functional console application using Python.
- Implement an accurate stopwatch with millisecond precision.
- Develop a custom alarm clock using system time.
- Practice input validation and modular coding.

Project Description

The application provides:

1. Stopwatch
2. Alarm
3. Quit

It uses Python modules like time, datetime, and sys to manage time and user interaction.

Features

- Stopwatch with minute, second, and millisecond display.
- Alarm clock with validated user inputs.
- User-friendly interactive menu.
- Graceful exit on interrupt.

Technology Stack

- Language: Python
- Modules: time, datetime, sys
- Interface: Console based

Algorithm

Stopwatch:

1. Wait for user input to start timing.
2. Wait for user input to stop timing.
3. Calculate and display elapsed time.

Alarm:

1. Ask user for hour, minute, second.
2. Validate input.
3. Continuously check system time.
4. Trigger alert at set time.

Challenges Faced

- Accurate time measurement.
- Handling interruptions safely.
- Preventing high CPU usage.
- Input validation.

Learning & Key Takeaways

- Working with time modules.
- Building modular functions.
- Managing infinite loops.
- Graceful exception handling.

Future Enhancements

- Add sound alerts.
- Add countdown timer.
- Add GUI using Tkinter.
- Add lap functionality.
- Save logs of timings.

Instructions to Run

1. Ensure Python 3 is installed.
2. Run: python main.py
3. Follow the on-screen menu.

Testing Instructions

- Test stopwatch accuracy.
- Validate alarm triggering.
- Check input validation.
- Test Ctrl+C functionality.

Results

The result of this project is exact and correct. The output of this came correct as expected. Below is the Screenshot of output of project:

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(base) sundaram@Sundaram-MacBook-Air anaconda_projects % /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/sundaram/Downloads/main.py
1. Stopwatch (Measure time)
2. Alarm (wake up)
3. Quit
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What's your choice? (1/2/3): 1
Get ready to measure the time.
Press ENTER to start the clock!
Press ENTER again to stop
TIME COMPLETE
Total Time: 0 min, 31 sec, 189 ms
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1. Stopwatch (Measure time)
2. Alarm (wake up)
3. Quit
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What's your choice? (1/2/3): 3
Exit
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```
(base) sundaram@Sundaram-MacBook-Air anaconda_projects % /usr/local/bin/python3 /Users/sundaram/Downloads/main.py
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What's your choice? (1/2/3): 2
Setting the Wake-Up Call
Hour (0-23): 16
Minute (0-59): 55
Second (0-59): 0
Alarm armed for 16:55:00.
Waiting... type Ctrl+C if you want to snooze.

WAKE UP!
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Scope of the Project

Useful for beginners learning Python time manipulation and console utilities.

Target Users

- Students
- Beginners in Python
- Developers needing time utilities

References

- Python Documentation: <https://docs.python.org/>

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates the use of Python's time-handling capabilities through the implementation of a functional stopwatch and alarm clock. By combining input validation, looping structures, and system time monitoring, the application provides a simple yet effective solution for basic time-tracking tasks. The project enhances understanding of modular programming and user interaction in console-based applications. With potential for future upgrades such as sound alerts, a graphical interface, and additional timer features, this application serves as a strong foundation for more advanced time-management tools.