

# Ch10-2-Files-Advanced

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## 1 Advanced Topics on Files

### 1.1 Working with HTML files

- fetch an HTML page from web
- parse the HTML file with BeautifulSoup library

```
[1]: # fetch an html page
import urllib.request
url = 'https://rambasnet.github.io/teaching.html'
localfile = 'teaching.html'
urllib.request.urlretrieve(url, localfile)
```

```
[1]: ('teaching.html', <http.client.HTTPMessage at 0x7fb266020190>)
```

```
[2]: with open(localfile) as f:
      data = f.read()
      words = data.split(' ')
      print('There are {0} words in the file.'.format(len(words)))
```

There are 528 words in the file.

### 1.2 parsing HTML using BeautifulSoup library

- install BeautifulSoup library
- ```
$ pip install bs4
```
- <https://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup/bs4/doc/#>
  - Alternative is nltk (Natural Language Toolkit) library
  - <http://www.nltk.org/>

### 1.3 Installing Parsers

- supports the HTML parser included in Python's standard library
- also supports a number of third-party Python parsers such as very fast lxml parser

```
[3]: # can run terminal/bash commands from notebook using !
! pip install bs4
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: bs4 in
/Users/rbasnet/miniconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages (0.0.1)
Requirement already satisfied: beautifulsoup4 in
/Users/rbasnet/miniconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from bs4) (4.9.3)
Requirement already satisfied: soupsieve>1.2 in
/Users/rbasnet/miniconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from beautifulsoup4->bs4)
(2.0.1)
```

```
[4]: # install lxml parser
! pip install lxml
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: lxml in
/Users/rbasnet/miniconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages (4.6.1)
```

```
[5]: from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
localfile = 'teaching.html'
with open(localfile) as f:
    #soup = BeautifulSoup(f, 'lxml') # used to but now not working!
    soup = BeautifulSoup(f, 'html.parser')
text = soup.get_text()
print(text)
```

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```
[6]: # break into lines and remove leading and trailing space on each line
lines = [line.strip() for line in text.splitlines()]
```

```
[7]: print(lines[:20])
```

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```

```
[8]: # create list of words by splitting multi-word elements
words = [word.strip().lower() for line in lines for word in line.split()]
```

```
[9]: print(words[:20])
```

```
[ 'dr.', 'ram', 'basnetassociate', 'professor', 'of', 'computer',
  'sciencehometeachingresearchresourcescontactteachingteaching',
  'interestscybersecuritypython,', 'c++', 'javascript,', 'databasesdata',
  'science', 'and', 'ml', 'applicationsweb', 'design', 'and', 'secure', 'web',
  'app']
```

```
[10]: print('There are {0} words in the file.'.format(len(words)))
```

There are 119 words in the file.

### 1.4 Find histogram of words

- use defaultdict found in collections module
- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/collections.html>

```
[11]: from collections import defaultdict
```

```
[12]: hist = defaultdict(int)
      for w in words:
          hist[w] += 1
```

```
[13]: # convert dict into a list of tuples
listHist = [(k, v) for k, v in hist.items()]
```

```
[14]: # print first 10 words and their frequency
print(listHist[:10])
```

```
[('dr.', 1), ('ram', 1), ('basnetassociate', 1), ('professor', 1), ('of', 1),
```

```
('computer', 2), ('sciencehometeachingresearchresourcescontactteachingteaching', 1), ('interestscybersecuritypython', 1), ('c++', 1), ('javascript', 1)]
```

```
[15]: # sort list based on frequency in reverse order
listHist.sort(key = lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
```

```
[16]: # print the top 10 most frequent words
print(listHist[:10])
```

```
[('|', 6), ('hr.ch', 5), ('3299-9:50off.', 4), ('1201-1:50cs1ws', 4), ('7csci', 3), ('net/app', 3), ('secch', 3), ('computer', 2), ('and', 2), ('design', 2)]
```

#### 1.4.1 Use Counter collection

- easier way!

```
[17]: from collections import Counter
```

```
[18]: hist = Counter(words)
```

```
[19]: hist.most_common(10)
```

```
[19]: [('|', 6),
      ('hr.ch', 5),
      ('3299-9:50off.', 4),
      ('1201-1:50cs1ws', 4),
      ('7csci', 3),
      ('net/app', 3),
      ('secch', 3),
      ('computer', 2),
      ('and', 2),
      ('design', 2)]
```

### 1.5 working with binary files

- the following example copies a binary file such as image

```
[20]: fileSrc = './resources/brain.jpg'
fileDst = 'brain-copy.jpg'
with open(fileSrc, 'rb') as rbf:
    #rb - read binary mode
    data = rbf.read() # read the whole binary file
    with open(fileDst, 'wb') as wbf:
        wbf.write(data) # write the whole binary file
```

### 1.6 use checksum to compare if two files match exactly!

- checksum makes sure that not a single bit is different between the two files

- used in security
- import and use hashlib - <https://docs.python.org/3/library/hashlib.html>

```
[21]: import hashlib
file1Contents = open(fileSrc, 'rb').read()
file2Contents = open(fileDst, 'rb').read()

file1ChkSum = hashlib.sha256(file1Contents).hexdigest()
file2ChkSum = hashlib.sha256(file2Contents).hexdigest()
if (file1ChkSum == file2ChkSum):
    print('two files\' checksums match!')
else:
    print('oops! two files\' checksums do NOT match!')
```

two files' checksums match!

## 1.7 Python object serialization with pickle library

- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/pickle.html>
- pickle module implements binary protocols for serializing and de-serializing a Python object
- Pickling - serializing python object
- Unpickling - deserializing python object (inverse operation)
- Unpickling untrusted picked files could have security implications
  - e.g., executing system commands; installing and executing third-party malicious packages and modules; etc.
  - for more: [https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A8\\_2017-Insecure\\_Deserialization](https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A8_2017-Insecure_Deserialization)

```
[22]: import pickle
alist = list(range(2, 21, 2))
```

```
[23]: print(alist)
```

[2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20]

```
[24]: # let's pickle alist; serialize a list
pickleFile = 'myPickle.pkl'
with open(pickleFile, 'wb') as p:
    pickle.dump(alist, p)
```

```
[25]: # lets unpickle alist; deserialize a list
with open(pickleFile, 'rb') as p:
    blist = pickle.load(p)
```

```
[26]: alist == blist
```

```
[26]: True
```

```
[27]: # dump Counter
      with open('wordCounter.pkl', 'wb') as p:
          pickle.dump(hist, p)
```

```
[28]: # load pickle
      with open('wordCounter.pkl', 'rb') as p:
          newHist = pickle.load(p)
```

```
[29]: hist == newHist
```

```
[29]: True
```

```
[30]: newHist.most_common(3)
```

```
[30]: [('|', 6), ('hr.ch', 5), ('3299-9:50off.', 4)]
```

```
[ ]:
```