

Library Management System CLI App Challenge

Objective:

Create a Command-Line Interface (CLI) application to manage a library. The system should allow users to add books, check out books, return books, and view the status of the library. **You can only use built-in libraries for the challenge.**

Requirements:

1. Add Books:

- Each book should have a title, author, and unique ID.
- Store the books in a list or dictionary.

2. Check Out Books:

- Users should be able to check out a book using the book's ID.
- Ensure that a book cannot be checked out if it is already checked out.

3. Return Books:

- Users should be able to return a book using the book's ID.
- Update the status of the book to show it is available.

4. View Library Status:

- List all books with their current status (available or checked out).
- For checked-out books, show the borrower's name and due date.

5. Error Handling:

- Handle errors such as attempting to check out a non-existent book or returning a book that is not checked out.

6. Save and Load Data:

- Save the library data (books and their status) to a file. (use decorator)
- Load the data from the file when the program starts.

Instructions:

1. Project Structure:

- Create a Python file named `library_management.py`.
- Organize your code into functions for each feature (e.g., `add_book`, `check_out_book`, `return_book`, `view_status`).

2. Data Structures:

- Use dictionaries to store book information and their status.
- Use a list to keep track of borrowed books and their details (borrower's name, due date).

3. Main Menu:

- Display a menu to the user with options to add a book, check out a book, return a book, and view library status.

4. User Input:

- Use input() to get user inputs for various actions.
- Ensure inputs are validated (e.g., check if a book ID exists before checking out).

5. Saving and Loading:

- Save the library data to a JSON file (library_data.json).
- Load the data from the JSON file at the start of the program.

6. Program Flow:

- The program should loop until the user decides to exit.
- Provide clear instructions and feedback to the user for each action.

Sample Output:

```
Welcome to the Library Management System
```

```
1. Add Book
2. Check Out Book
3. Return Book
4. View Library Status
5. Exit
```

```
Enter your choice: 1
```

```
Enter book title: The Great Gatsby
```

```
Enter author: F. Scott Fitzgerald
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```
Book added successfully!
```

```
Enter your choice: 4
```

```
Books in the Library:
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```
ID: 1, Title: The Great Gatsby, Author: F. Scott Fitzgerald, Status: Available
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```
Enter your choice: 2
```

```
Enter book ID to check out: 1
```

```
Enter borrower's name: John Doe
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```
Enter due date (YYYY-MM-DD): 2024-07-10
```

```
Book checked out successfully!
```

```
Enter your choice: 4
```

```
Books in the Library:
```

```
ID: 1, Title: The Great Gatsby, Author: F. Scott Fitzgerald, Status: Checked Out by John Doe
```

Additional Tips:

- Use functions to keep the code organized and reusable.
- Comment your code to explain the logic behind each function.

Good luck! This project will give you hands-on experience with Python and help you solidify your understanding of various programming concepts.