



Getting Data in Python

Reading & Writing Text Files

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Open/Read Text Files

For Reading Directly a Text File:

'r' means read-only, it's assumed if you leave it out

```
my_file = open('reading_file.txt', 'r')
```

or

```
my_file= open('reading_file.txt')
```

Write into Text Files

For Writing Directly into a Text File:

'w' is write -- Will overwrite the file if it already exists!

```
my_file2 = open('writing_file.txt', 'w')
```

Don't forget to close your files when you're done

```
my_file2.close()
```

Append Text Files

For Appending a Text File:

'a' is append -- For adding to the end of the file -- the file content remains

```
my_file3 = open('appending_file.txt', 'a')
```

Don't forget to close your files when you're done

```
my_file3.close()
```

with open

Because it is easy to forget to close your files, you should always use them in a **with block**. File will be closed automatically at the end of the block:

```
with open(filename) as f:  
    for line in f:  
        print(line)
```

Warm Up Practice

Write a Python script to **open** a text file.

Write a Python script to **write into** a text file without “**with**” block.

Write a Python script to **append** a text file using “**with**” block.