

Python Programming Assignment 8: File I/O and Exceptions

Word Counter

In this assignment, you will be tasked with creating a Python program that reads a text file, counts the occurrences of each word, and handles exceptions that may occur during the process.

Requirements

You need to create a Python program that accomplishes the following:

1. Reading the file

- Prompt the user to enter the name of a text file they want to analyze. You can expect the text file to be in the current directory of your python program.
- Implement a function to read the contents of the file and store them in a string variable.

2. Word Count

- Implement a function that takes the file content string as input and counts the occurrences of each word.
- Ignore the case sensitivity, meaning "Word" and "word" should be treated as the same word.
- Disregard punctuation marks such as periods, commas, question marks, etc.
- Store the word frequencies in a dictionary, where the keys are the words, and the values are the counts.

3. Output

- Display the word frequencies to the user in a readable format, sorted alphabetically.
- Display the total number of words in the file.

4. Exception Handling:

- Handle potential exceptions gracefully. If the file does not exist, inform the user instead of crashing the program.
- Ensure that the program is not case-sensitive when handling file names (e.g., "file.txt" and "File.TXT" should be treated as the same).

Example Output

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> Enter the name of the text file: sample.txt
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Word Frequencies:
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apple: 3
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banana: 1
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cherry: 2
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grape: 2
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orange: 1
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Total Words in the File: 9
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Note

- Make sure to comment your code and use meaningful variable names to enhance readability.
- Submit a folder containing your python program to the for assignment 8 dropbox on moodle