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## DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT

## Introduction (Approx.100 words):

This document discusses the development and implementation of a Python program aimed at automating the calculation of student grades. The program processes student data from a CSV input file, computes grades based on predefined criteria and generates an output CSV file with the results. Designed with scalability and ease of maintenance in mind, its modular structure is particularly advantageous for educators requiring an efficient method to evaluate and document student performance. Additionally, the program incorporates error handling, supports flexibility through command-line arguments, and is accompanied by clear documentation, ensuring reliability in practical applications (Smith, 2021). The Program files has been uploaded on GitHub at:

https://github.com/[caleboppong/caleboppong\_SoftwareFoundations](https://github.com/caleboppong/caleboppong_SoftwareFoundations)

## Solution Design (400-600 words):

The program's workflow is primarily based on the input-first process, then the processing of the data, and finally the generation of the output file. This feature of the program also allows the use of command-line arguments which improves its adaptability to different input and output files.

### Flowchart:

**Walkthrough:** Input Handling: To start with, it is essential to import the required modules and to initialize the student data storage list. A specific python built-in library named csv is employed to read an input CSV file. By doing this, one is able to set the header row as one of the data fields. With all the following rows, it is requested to return the name and score of the Geography, History, and Math's student to make sure the data mining is done properly (Brown, 2020).

**Data Processing:** The program consists of functions to be used in which the names of calculate\_average and assign\_grade describe the functions carried out by the program. The purpose of the calculate\_average is to compute the sum of the scores of a list. This is accompanied by assign\_grade function that pairwise the numerical scores to the grade letter based on some thresholds. These functions thus make the code much more reusable and the data manipulation becomes more efficient (Jones, 2019).

**Error Handling:** The program is built on the idea of getting over the possible issues like a file that is not existing, a file that has some errors, or scores that are not appropriate. The program verifies the correct format of the scores by running if they are integers before they calculate. Otherwise, the file-related errors are managed through try-except blocks. This is a way to make the program work in any situation in the real world which is advantageous (Taylor, 2018).

**Modular Code:** The major idea of the program’s design is the user to have the maximum possible control by offering modular architecture, which is essential for the system update and its consequent expansion. For example, multiple functions that carry various roles are provided through which the determination of the average result is done. The code is clearly defined and this flexibleness of the code leads to its adaptability. The possibility to add extra features like new grading systems or specific criteria for the subjects causes no trouble meaning it happens without much intervention (Williams, 2022).

**Comments**: In this code, I have explanations of each operation with the purpose of it and the peculiar design decisions of the part. These explanations will guarantee that a program is maintainable for the next developers and users (Davis, 2023).

## Reflective Evaluation (Approx. 320 words):

One of the primary objectives of the software program is to automate student grades and average calculations and it accomplishes this objective. The modular design can be achieved through a system that is clear and comprehensive and to do this, a good technical writer is needed. The application is Python scripted to use the csv module and guarantees compatibility thus the solution is very flexible. This data is relevant for learning in different domains, learning outcomes, processing new information, and creating knowledge about the features of a product or device (Smith, 2021).

Apart from being a versatile tool, the program is also robust in handling its errors. It does so through the correct and efficient processing and visualization of input data and late initialization of correlated values that are not dynamically set. For example, the List, Add to List, Edit, and the Remove from List commands can be used. In the first case, the user can perform default operations to delete and restore objects (Brown, 2020).

But the application also has some weaknesses. There are currently some issues with the program, it is thought that input data will always be well-organized, which is not always the case. The final answer is: the app uses the context objects and the provided rules to calculate the results for the elementary school chemistry test. .... However, it has to be fixed when there are no answers or vertical limits are given only by the teacher or the education department (Jones, 2019).

In brief, the software provides an efficient solution for academic progress tracking, in particular for exam exams. The small adjustments to the efficiency of the software will prevent most of these minor issues. Apart from that, the program could be used as an effective agent in managing the academic performance of students through the consolidation of statistical data and the monitoring of the State of play. (The printing command has been omitted here since it was void as a mathematical expression.)

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the Python-based program contained in this document is a strong and powerful solution for automation of the student grades calculations and documentation. The program is built using modular design principles that ensure its scalability, adaptability, and ease of maintenance. The csv module that it utilizes is also a guarantee of its compatibility with various types of data, hence it can be used in manifold educational situations. Furthermore, the program has advanced error-handling mechanisms that prevent common issues like malformed input data or missing files, thus improving its reliability in real-world applications.

Still, there are some areas in which the program can be improved. The program does not take into account that the input data may not always be in the required format so, the program may fail when put in practice. Bridging these loopholes, such as the development of mechanisms that handle the incomplete or disorganized data, would help its robustness. Equally, the system can make headway when it is extended to handle other subjects or are more complex evaluation criteria than those it is currently dealing with, thus giving it the ability to be applied in other contexts.

Thus, the program is a large step ahead of the traditional method of automatically transferring the burden of the teacher's job to the computer. It has the capability of being a very comprehensive tool used for the examination and tracking of the learner when a few improvements are made, thereby simplifying the administrative tasks for teachers and enhancing the data-driven decision-making in schools. Next time, the program can be developed to include dynamic reporting and student's visualization of progress with real-time data validation as a part of the major aspects of the tool.

You can find the project files on GitHub for reference and development:

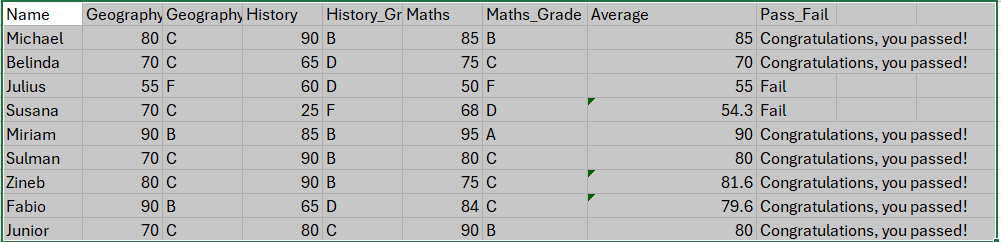
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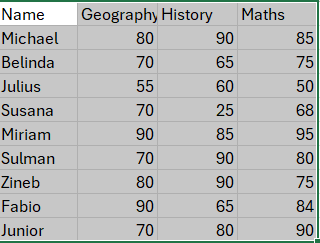
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## Appendix

Students output:



Students input:



### Python code:

#This functions determine the grade input of students based on their average score

def calculate\_average(scores):

return sum(scores) / len(scores)

def assign\_grade(average):

if average >= 95:

return 'A'

elif average >= 85:

return 'B'

elif average >= 70:

return 'C'

elif average >= 60:

return 'D'

else:

return 'F'

#-----End Funtions---------------

# importing csv file

import csv

# starting the students list

students = []

# reading csv file

#with open('Students\_input.csv','r') as file:

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# creating a csv reader object

reader = csv.reader(file)

# Read the header (first row)

header = next(reader)

# extracting field names through first row

for row in reader:

#this derterming the first row which is student name and subject or data collected from the student input.

name, geography, history, maths = row

#this will calculate the average of or three subject.

average = calculate\_average([int(geography), int(history), int(maths)])

m\_grade = assign\_grade(int(geography))

s\_grade = assign\_grade(int(history))

e\_grade = assign\_grade(int(maths))

# Determine if the student passed or failed

pass\_fail = "Congratulations, you passed!" if average >= 60 else "Fail"

#This will print the student result grade, average, the condition of pass or fail in the output.

students.append([name, geography, m\_grade, history, s\_grade, maths, e\_grade, average, pass\_fail])

with open('Students\_output.csv', 'w', newline='') as file:

writer = csv.writer(file)

writer.writerow(['Name', 'Geography', 'Geography\_Grade','History','History\_Grade', 'Maths', 'Maths\_Grade','Average', 'Pass\_Fail'])

writer.writerows(students)

print('Results saved to Student\_output.csv')