

**Overview:** Write a Python program to index words from a collection of short stories and then provide an interface to allow users to conduct short Boolean text queries to find stories that match their search.

**Learning objectives:** Gain experience processing text files, building indexes using Python dictionaries, and using regular expressions.

**Project specification:**

For this project, you will build an index of words in a collection of short stories. Specifically, we will index the Project Gutenberg text of Grimms' Fairy Tales, by The Brothers Grimm. I have posted a single text file called `grimms.txt` on the course web site that contains the text of all the stories. Use this file for the project. You do not need to index text from any other Project Gutenberg text

The `grimms.txt` file contains 63 short stories (fairy tales) in a single text file. When processing the file, you should skip over the introductory sections that have information about Project Gutenberg and the table of contents. Each fairy tale starts with a blank line followed by the title of the story in all capital letters on a line by itself, followed by another blank line. After this the text of the story begins. One of the stories, "The Adventures of Chanticleer and the Partlet," has two parts. Treat both parts as belonging to one story.

*Building the Index*

Your program should read the `grimms.txt` file, and create an index of all the words that appear in the fairy tales except for those in a provided *stopword* list. For this assignment, when building the index, you should REMOVE all characters that are not a letter, number, or space character (e.g., `[a-zA-Z0-9 ]`). In addition, when building the index, you should convert all words to lower-case. You will need to make the same conversions to queries that are entered so that they will match words as you have indexed them.

I have posted a file named `stopwords.txt` on the course web site that contains a list of words<sup>1</sup> (one per line) that should NOT be included in your index. As you are building your index, if you encounter a word in the list of the stopwords, you should skip it.

Do NOT index words that appear outside the text of the fairy tales (e.g., in the Project Gutenberg sections that appear at the beginning and end of the file, and the table of contents). For each word that you include in your index, you should keep track of the stories and line numbers that contain the word. For example, the word "raven" appears in three stories, on the lines show below. Note that the line numbers refer to line numbers in the `grimms.txt` file, starting from line 1 at the top of the file.

```
THE LITTLE PEASANT : [3894 , 3924 , 3933 , 3936 , 3939 ]
THE RAVEN : [6765 , 6767 , 6772 , 6773 , 6785 , 6802 , 6807 , 6820 , 6823 , 6839]
SNOWDROP : [4501]
```

*User Interface*

After building the index, your program should provide a text-based user interface that that: 1) prompts the user to enter a Boolean search query, 2) returns a list of stories (and other information as outlined below) that match the query, and 3) goes back to (1) to let the user enter a new search query. If the user searches for the string "qquit" (with two qs), then the program should exit. You can use the Python 2.7 `raw_input()` command to get input from the user.

*Boolean query syntax*

At a minimum, your program should support the following types of queries:

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<sup>1</sup> The stoplist we are using is adapted from: <http://jmlr.org/papers/volume5/lewis04a/a11-smart-stop-list/english.stop>, filtered to remove words with  $\geq 5$  chars and with apostrophes.

<i>word1</i>	return stories the contain <i>word1</i>
<i>word1 word2</i>	return stories that contain both <i>word1</i> and <i>word2</i>
<i>word1 word2 .. wordn</i>	return stories that contain all the words <i>word1</i> through <i>wordn</i>
<i>word1 and word2</i>	return stories that contain both <i>word1</i> and <i>word2</i>
<i>word1 or word2</i>	return stories that contain either <i>word1</i> or <i>word2</i>

### Output

In response to a query, your program should return information about the query and results as shown below. First, print "query = " and the query string. Then, for each story that matches the query, print the title of the story and a list of all the lines that contain the query string. Use at least two spaces of indentation to improve readability as shown below. You should also highlight the word that was matched on the line by surrounding it with two asterisks and displaying the word in all capital letters.

Please enter your query: owl

```
query = owl
JORINDA AND JORINDEL
  542 an **OWL**, or crept about the country like a cat; but at night she always
  581 with a mournful _jug, jug_. An **OWL** with fiery eyes flew three times
  588 the gloomy night came; the **OWL** flew into a bush; and a moment after the
SNOWDROP
  4501 an **OWL**, and then a raven, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
```

For queries that have no matching stories, you should print "--" as shown below.

Please enter your query: python

```
query = python
--
```

For queries that involve multiple words, for each story that matches the query, you should print results for each word as shown below. Use at least two spaces of indentation to improve readability as shown below.

Please enter your query: owl and raven

```
query = owl and raven
SNOWDROP
  owl
    4501 an **OWL**, and then a raven, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
  raven
    4501 an owl, and then a **RAVEN**, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
```

For words in an “or” query that do not occur in a story, you should print “--” as shown below.

```
query = owl or raven
JORINDA AND JORINDEL
  owl
    542 an **OWL**, or crept about the country like a cat; but at night she always
    581 with a mournful _jug, jug_. An **OWL** with fiery eyes flew three times
    588 the gloomy night came; the **OWL** flew into a bush; and a moment after the
  raven
  --
```

I have included a larger set of example queries and output at the end of this assignment document.

### Advanced queries

If you implement the program as outlined so far, you can earn up to a maximum of 92 out of 100 points. You can earn additional points for implementing two additional features:

1. (4 points) Add a query keyword “near” that will allow users to enter queries that will search for two words that occur within plus or minus 1 line of each other in a story. For example, “owl near raven” would match stories in which the word owl appeared either on the same line as raven, or one line above or below it.

2. (4 points) Add a query keyword “morethan” that will allow searches that require the word to the left to appear more than a specified number of times. On the right, the user should be able to specify either another word, or a number. For example, “owl morethan 5” should return stories in which the word owl appears more than 5 times, and “owl morethan raven” should return stories in which the word owl appears more times than the word raven.

**Grading:**

Your program will be evaluated based on its functionality, programming logic, and programming style. Functionality focuses on the question, “Does your program product the correct results?” Programming logic considers whether the approach you implemented in your code is correct (or close to correct). Programming style looks at how easy it is to understand your code – is it organized well, did you use functions appropriately, did you include good comments?

**How to turn in your assignment:**

Your program should be contained in a single file and be entirely code that you write yourself. Name your file according to the following convention:

```
youronyen_p1.py
```

Replace *youronyen* with your actual Onyen (e.g. my assignment would be *rcapra\_p1.py*). The character between *youronyen* and the “p1.py” part should be a single underscore. There should be no spaces or other characters in the filename. Files with names that do not follow this convention may receive a substantial grade deduction.

I will test your program by running it with Python 2.7, with the files `grimms.txt` and `stopwords.txt` in the same directory.

Submit your file electronically through the Sakai by going to the Assignments area and finding the “P1” assignment. After you think you have submitted the assignment, I strongly recommend checking to be sure the file was uploaded correctly by clicking on it from within Sakai. Keep in mind that if I cannot access your file, I cannot grade it.

If for some reason you need to re-submit your file, you must add a version number to your filename. Sakai is configured so that it will accept up to 3 total submissions. Use the following file naming convention if you need to re-submit:

```
Your first submission:  youronyen_p1.py
Your second submission: youronyen_p1_v2.py
Your third submission:  youronyen_p1_v3.py
```

Sakai is also configured with a due date and an “accept until” date. Submissions received after the due date (even just 1 minute!) will receive a 10% penalty per day. The “accept until” date is 5 days after the due date. Unless you have made arrangements with me in advance, submissions will not be accepted after the “accept until” date and will have a score of zero recorded.

## Example Program Run

```
Python 2.7.6 (default, Nov 10 2013, 19:24:18) [MSC v.1500 32 bit (Intel)] on win32
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>> ===== RESTART =====
>>>
Loading stopwords...
['a', 'able', 'all', 'also', 'am', 'an', 'and', 'any', 'are', 'as', 'ask', 'at', 'away', 'b', 'be',
'been', 'best', 'both', 'but', 'by', 'c', 'came', 'can', 'cant', 'co', 'com', 'come', 'd', 'did',
'do', 'does', 'done', 'down', 'e', 'each', 'edu', 'eg', 'else', 'et', 'etc', 'even', 'ever', 'ex',
'f', 'far', 'few', 'five', 'for', 'four', 'from', 'g', 'get', 'gets', 'go', 'goes', 'gone', 'got',
'h', 'had', 'has', 'have', 'he', 'help', 'her', 'here', 'hers', 'hi', 'him', 'his', 'how', 'i', 'ie',
'if', 'in', 'inc', 'into', 'is', 'it', 'its', 'j', 'just', 'k', 'keep', 'kept', 'know', 'l', 'last',
'less', 'lest', 'let', 'like', 'look', 'ltd', 'm', 'many', 'may', 'me', 'mean', 'more', 'most',
'much', 'must', 'my', 'n', 'name', 'nd', 'near', 'need', 'new', 'next', 'nine', 'no', 'non', 'none',
'nor', 'not', 'now', 'o', 'of', 'off', 'oh', 'ok', 'okay', 'old', 'on', 'once', 'one', 'ones', 'only',
'onto', 'or', 'our', 'ours', 'out', 'over', 'own', 'p', 'per', 'plus', 'q', 'que', 'qv', 'r', 'rd',
're', 's', 'said', 'same', 'saw', 'say', 'says', 'see', 'seem', 'seen', 'self', 'sent', 'she', 'six',
'so', 'some', 'soon', 'sub', 'such', 'sup', 'sure', 't', 'take', 'tell', 'th', 'than', 'that', 'the',
'them', 'then', 'they', 'this', 'thru', 'thus', 'to', 'too', 'took', 'try', 'two', 'u', 'un', 'unto',
'up', 'upon', 'us', 'use', 'used', 'uses', 'uucp', 'v', 'very', 'via', 'viz', 'vs', 'w', 'want',
'was', 'way', 'we', 'well', 'went', 'were', 'what', 'when', 'who', 'whom', 'why', 'will', 'wish',
'with', 'x', 'y', 'yes', 'yet', 'you', 'your', 'z', 'zero']

Building index...
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2 HANS IN LUCK
3 JORINDA AND JORINDEL
4 THE TRAVELLING MUSICIANS
5 OLD SULTAN
6 THE STRAW, THE COAL, AND THE BEAN
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8 THE DOG AND THE SPARROW
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15 THE ADVENTURES OF CHANTICLEER AND PARTLET
16 RAPUNZEL
17 FUNDEVOGEL
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20 THE MOUSE, THE BIRD, AND THE SAUSAGE
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48 THE RAVEN
49 THE GOLDEN GOOSE
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52 THE KING OF THE GOLDEN MOUNTAIN
53 DOCTOR KNOWALL
54 THE SEVEN RAVENS
55 THE WEDDING OF MRS FOX
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56 FIRST STORY  
57 SECOND STORY  
58 THE SALAD  
59 THE STORY OF THE YOUTH WHO WENT FORTH TO LEARN WHAT FEAR WAS  
60 KING GRISLY-BEARD  
61 IRON HANS  
62 CAT-SKIN  
63 SNOW-WHITE AND ROSE-RED

Welcome to the Grimms' Fairy Tales search system!

Please enter your query: owl

```
query = owl
JORINDA AND JORINDEL
  542 an **OWL**, or crept about the country like a cat; but at night she always
  581 with a mournful _jug, jug_. An **OWL** with fiery eyes flew three times
  588 the gloomy night came; the **OWL** flew into a bush; and a moment after the
SNOWDROP
  4501 an **OWL**, and then a raven, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
```

Please enter your query: owl raven

```
query = owl raven
SNOWDROP
  owl
    4501 an **OWL**, and then a raven, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
  raven
    4501 an owl, and then a **RAVEN**, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
```

Please enter your query: owl and raven

```
query = owl and raven
SNOWDROP
  owl
    4501 an **OWL**, and then a raven, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
  raven
    4501 an owl, and then a **RAVEN**, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
```

Please enter your query: owl or raven

```
query = owl or raven
JORINDA AND JORINDEL
  owl
    542 an **OWL**, or crept about the country like a cat; but at night she always
    581 with a mournful _jug, jug_. An **OWL** with fiery eyes flew three times
    588 the gloomy night came; the **OWL** flew into a bush; and a moment after the
  raven
  --
THE RAVEN
  owl
  --
  raven
    6765 were a **RAVEN** and would fly away, then I should have a little peace.'
    6767 turned into a **RAVEN**, and flew away from her through the open window. The
    6772 a **RAVEN** calling, and he followed the sound of the voice. As he drew
    6773 near, the **RAVEN** said, 'I am by birth a king's daughter, but am now under
    6785 The man promised to do all that she wished, but the **RAVEN** said, 'Alas! I
    6802 and mounted the tan-heap to await the **RAVEN**. Suddenly a feeling of
    6807 o'clock the **RAVEN** came driving along, drawn by her four white horses;
    6820 watch for the **RAVEN**. He had not been there long before he began to feel
    6823 As the **RAVEN** drove along her four chestnut horses, she said sorrowfully
    6839 he slept like a log. At two o'clock the **RAVEN** could be seen approaching,
SNOWDROP
  owl
    4501 an **OWL**, and then a raven, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
  raven
    4501 an owl, and then a **RAVEN**, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
THE LITTLE PEASANT
  owl
  --
  raven
    3894 the way he passed by a mill, and there sat a **RAVEN** with broken wings,
    3924 in which the **RAVEN** was, lying on the ground, and asked: 'What have you
    3933 and found the wine. 'Now go on,' said he. The peasant made the **RAVEN**
    3936 went thither, and found the roast meat. The peasant made the **RAVEN**
    3939 went there and found the salad. At last the peasant pinched the **RAVEN**
```

Please enter your query: owl dove raven

```

query = owl dove raven
SNOWDROP
owl
4501 an **OWL**, and then a raven, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
dove
4501 an owl, and then a raven, and at last a **DOVE**, and sat by her side.
raven
4501 an owl, and then a **RAVEN**, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.

Please enter your query: python

query = python
--

Please enter your query: owl or python

query = owl or python
JORINDA AND JORINDEL
owl
542 an **OWL**, or crept about the country like a cat; but at night she always
581 with a mournful _jug, jug_. An **OWL** with fiery eyes flew three times
588 the gloomy night came; the **OWL** flew into a bush; and a moment after the
python
--
SNOWDROP
owl
4501 an **OWL**, and then a raven, and at last a dove, and sat by her side.
python
--

Please enter your query: owl and python

query = owl and python
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Please enter your query: owl dove python

query = owl dove python

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query = the
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query = able
--

Please enter your query: best

query = best
--

Please enter your query: quit

query = quit
--

Please enter your query: qquit
>>>

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