NFO5A python project : Snapch'UTT

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Introduction

The idea behind Snapch'UTT is to create a database for a social network: we want to store the information of the users, such as their name, their age, their city etc. We were also asked to include a "following" system: a user can follow another one. Finally, we had to add a suggestion feature: based on the common followers and areas of interest, the program should propose 5 suggested users for every user.

The architecture of the database is as follows: the database is a 26-elements list, one element for each letter (in our case, we used a dictionary with the letter as the keys). Each of these elements is a list of users whose names begin with the associated letter. Finally, every user element contains his information: name, age, areas of interests(list), user that he follows(also a list), etc.

For the interface, we wanted to have a GUI, and we figured a local website would be a great solution. Basically, the python file dedicated to this website (server.py) constantly listens for any http requests. Its role is to send back any files requested, and to ask the database to update any fields.

We decided to implement a saving feature. For this, we used "pickle", a python library that allows us to store any object (a dictionary in our case) to a file and retrieve it later.

The Algorithm and Functions

For the whole program we estimated 8hours of (only) coding, without counting the front-end development (html/js).

In database.py:

CreateUser()

For the whole program we estimated 30min of coding.

We call this function to create a user. It works first of all by checking if the username we enter for the user is available by calling CheckForPseudo(). If the username is available we create it with the information input by the user, and then we store him in the GlobalList of all the user with the function AddtoGlobal() and his username in a list of all the username (quickier to check) and it returns True. If the username is not available it just returns False.

After finishing, it calls the function save() to store the new data in a file.

• CheckForPseudo()

For this function we estimated 15 minutes of coding.

This function is pretty self-explanatory: it just looks in the ListofUsername if the username is available(if it's not in the list) and returns True if it is. Else it returns False.

AddtoGlobal()

For this function we estimated 15minutes of coding.

This function adds the user in the global dictionary where they are all stored. To do this it checks the first letter of the name of the user and, depending on that, adds it to the corresponding "box" which are all letters of the alphabet.

• FindUsername()

For this function we estimated 10minutes of coding.

This function finds the user variable corresponding to the username we input. To do that it calls everyUser(), and then search in the list for the user with the right username, and then return him.

• everyUser()

For this function we estimated 15 minutes of coding.

This function goes through the global dictionary and stores all the users in a list to simplify the search.

UppdateUser()

For this function we estimated 45minutes of coding.

This function first calls FindUsername() to find the user corresponding to the username inputted, then for all the other input of the user it changes the corresponding value in the variable and saves the update calling save().

At the end it saves the update in a file calling save()

DeleteUser()

For these functions we estimated 30minutes of coding.

This function first searches in the user dictionary for the user corresponding to the username entered and deletes it. Then it goes through the list of followers of each user and if the user is in it deletes

it.After all it goes through the list of username and deletes the corresponding username.

• Follow() UnFollow()

for these functions we estimated 30minutes of coding.

The first function works by adding a follower to another follower list depending on the input and the other is to suppress one of the users from another users list. After the changes it saves the function by calling save().

• ReturnFollowers()

For this function we estimated 15min of coding.

This function calls FindUsername() for the username inputted and then returns the list of followers of this user.

• ReturnFollow()

For this function we estimated 30min of coding.

This function searches in the list of all the users, everyone who has the user corresponding to the username inputted in their followers list and then it returns the list of all of them.

FindName(), FindField(), FindYear()

For these functions we estimated 45minutes of coding.

These functions all work the same but search something different. The user input what he wants to search, then the function calls everyUser() and searches for all the users corresponding to the inputs and returns the list of them.

FindName() search in the user's name, FindField() in the user's field of study, FindYear() in the user's year of study.

FindArea()

For this function we estimated 25min of coding.

This function works by searching in the list of areas of all the users if they are the same as the input or if the input is included in the list of the user. Every user corresponding to one of these two conditions is added to a list that we return at the end of the functions.

SearchforUser()

For this function we estimated 20min of coding.

This function first checks if the input is equal to nothing, if it is we return all the users in a list. if it's equal to something we call FindName() FindField() FindYear() and FindArea() and input the input of SearchforUser(). Each function will return a list of users that we will combine in a final list that we will sort to have only each user one time.

SuggestionSharedFollowers()

For this function we estimated 40min of coding.

This function calls FindUsername() to see the inputted Username correspond to which User1. Then for each other user in the User1 followers list we search their followers list and make a list with all the last ones.

Once we have this list we count how many times each user appears in this one and we make a list of lists where we have a user and his score for each user. Then we return this list of lists.

AreaSuggestion()

For this function we estimated 30min of coding.

This function calls FindUsername() to see the inputted Username correspond to which user1. Then it searches in everyUser() and for each user we look how many areas of interest they have in common with user1 and for each area in common we attribute them a point. Then we

make a list of lists where we have a user and his score for each user. Then we return this list of lists.

• Suggestion()

For this function we estimated 1 hour of coding.

This function calls FindUsername() to see the inputted Username correspond to which user1. Then it calls AreaSuggestion() and SuggestionSharedFollowers() and combine the two list obtained by the functions to have one list with a score for each user corresponding to the the score of SuggestionSharedFollowers() plus the score of AreaSuggestion().

Then we sort the final list depending on the score (the biggest the first) and return the list of only the 5 users with the biggest score in a list (this list only contains the user without their scores).

• save()

For this function we estimated 15min of coding.

This function saves the content of the global List ,and of each user in it , and the list of username in a file using the pickle library.

In server.py:

Serv.do_GET()

Every GET request that arrives at the server goes through this function. We then test each route (path) to see which file we need to

send back. For the response, we start by opening the right file, then we can send the 200-SUCCESS http code, end the headers part and finally send the file converted to bytes beforehand.

Serv.do_POST()

Every POST request that arrives at the server goes through this function. We then test each route (path) to see what we need to send back (most of the time it is a JSON object).

For the response, we start by reading the content of the request, we then do the appropriate action (such as editing a user, or editing one for example), then we can send the 200-SUCCESS http code. After that, we can send the good headers (Content-Type:application/json if we send a JSON object, or Access-Control-Allow-Origin:* for any object for example) end the headers part and finally send the object, converted to bytes beforehand.

Encountered Problems

- There were a lot of small difficulties with the web site part :
 - the CORS policy is always a bit problematic, in our case, the post requests were blocked by it.

We solved the problem by adding the right header:

- Access-Control-Allow-Origin:* right after sending the 200-success response code and reading the content of the request.
- The conversion between a python dictionary and a json object (to send via the response of a request) was also not easy, mainly because an instance of a python class can't be serialized to JSON.
 - To fix this, we created the method export inside the class User. This function converts the class instance to a python dictionary.
- The project was also a bit difficult to understand, there were a lot of fonctionnalites and some weren't clear or hard to realise, like the function follower or who are we following. After some reflection and visualisation of what the program should do and how we were fixed.
- The variables within the program were also hard to name and to differentiate because all of them were of the same type and sometimes even their function and goal were the same.

We solved that by giving clear names to these kinds of variables and by doing functions for each program feature and even divided some features in part to have a function for each one regrouping into a bigger function.

Instruction Manual for the program

To launch the program, you just need to start the "server.py" file, which will include by itself the database file. The program can then run in the background.

The required python packages (http, pickle and json) are part of the default modules installed with python

While it is running and to see the actual interface, open a web browser and go to the following address: *localhost:8080* or http://127.0.0.1:8080 (these are the same addresses).

From then, the interface is pretty self-explanatory: the web site is basically a list of users. For each user, there are, in this order, the name (first + last), the nickname, the age, the field of study, the city. Then you can see 4 buttons: the first allows you to see the users who follow the selected user, the second is a list of the users followed by the selected one, the third is the same list but with the possibility to edit it and the last displays the five suggested users for the selected one. After these, you can see, by hovering with the pointer, every area of interest of the user. Finally, there is an edit and a delete button.

On the top right of the screen, you will find a text box that allows you to search for a user. You can input the name, an area of interest, a year of study or a field of study.

On the bottom, you have the possibility to refresh the list and to add a new user.

Conclusion

To conclude, we can say that our program respects what was asked pretty well.

To optimise it, it could be a good idea to implement something like a feed, like in real social networks: every user could post something that will appear in the feed to the people following him. We could even add a like/dislike/comments section, and why not media like photos or video. A direct message chat would also be possible.

Apart from that, another architecture of the database can also be a good idea, the 26-elements list with one element for every letter is not really adapted for python, especially since it would only be optimized for a research by name, which is clearly not the main feature of the program.

Appendix

References:

- NF05A Courses
- Open classrooms : https://openclassrooms.com/
- Doxygen documentation : https://www.doxygen.nl/manual/index.html

CODE: database.py

```
import <u>pickle</u>
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class <u>User</u>:
    def init (self, name="none", age=0, year=0,
field="none",pseudo="none",city="none"):# we create a class "User"
        self.Name=name
        self.Age=age
        self.YearofStudy=year
        self.FieldofStudy=field
        self.Username=pseudo
       self.City=city
        self.Areaofinterests=[]
        self.followers = []
dict <br/>
    def export(self):
        res = <u>dict</u>(self.__dict__)
        res["iFollow"] = sorted([follower.Username for follower in
res["followers"]])#convert user object reference to only usernames
        res["followers"] = sorted([follow.Username for follow in
ReturnFollow(self.Username)])
        res["suggestions"] = Suggestion(self.Username)
        return res
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```
return self. Username
filename = 'save.pkl'
def load():
        infile = open(filename,'rb')
        new dict = pickle.load(infile)
        infile.close()
and start back to an empty list
       print("error while reading file")
        res = {"GlobalList":{}, "ListofUsername":[]}
        for c in range(65,91):res["GlobalList"][chr(c)] = []
        return res
    return new dict
content = load()
GlobalList = content["GlobalList"]
ListofUsername=content["ListofUsername"]
## Save the information in a file
def save():#We save the information in a file using this function
    tosave = {"GlobalList":GlobalList,
"ListofUsername":ListofUsername}#We save the content of the
    outfile = open(filename, "wb")
   pickle.dump(tosave, outfile)
    outfile.close()
## This function return the User with the corresponding username
def FindUsername(username): #This function return the User with the
    for u in everyUser():
        if u.Username.lower() == username.lower():
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```
Oparam Name name of the users we search for
def FindName(name):
    ListofUser=[]
   for u in everyUser():
        if u.Name.lower() == name.lower():
                ListofUser.append(u)
    return ListofUser
def FindField(field):
   ListofUser=[]
    for u in everyUser():
        if u.FieldofStudy.lower() == field.lower():
                ListofUser.append(u)
    return ListofUser
def FindYear(year):
   ListofUser=[]
    for u in everyUser():
        if u.YearofStudy==year:
                ListofUser.append(u)
    return ListofUser
def FindArea(area):
   Test=False
   ListofUser=[]
    if type(area) == list:
        for u in everyUser():
                if i in u.Areaofinterests:
                    Test=True
                    Test=False
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if Test:
                ListofUser.append(u)
    return ListofUser
section depending on the first letter of his name
def AddtoGlobal(user): #This function add an user to the dictionary
    for c in range(65,91):
        if chr(c) == user.Name[0] or chr(c+32) == user.Name[0]:
            GlobalList[chr(c)].append(user)
#@return True if the username does not exist
def CheckForPseudo(username):
    for x in ListofUsername:
        if x == username:
##this function initialyze an user, with all his information (only a
def CreateUser(pseudo,
name,age=None,year=None,field=None,city=None,areaofinterests=[]):
    if CheckForPseudo(pseudo):
        user=User(name, age, year, field, pseudo, city)
        user.Areaofinterests=areaofinterests
        ListofUsername.append(user.Username)
        AddtoGlobal (user)
        save()
        return False
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def
UppdateUser(username,NewName="none",NewAge=0,NewYear=0,NewField="none",
NewPseudo="none", NewCity="none", NewAreas=None):
    y=FindUsername(username)
    if NewName != "none":
        y.Name=NewName
        y.Age=NewAge
        y.YearofStudy=NewYear
    if NewField != "none":
        y.FieldofStudy=NewField
    if NewPseudo != "none":
        y.Username=NewPseudo
        y.City=NewCity
    if NewAreas != None:
        y.Areaofinterests=NewAreas
    save()#it saves the infoin the file
##This function delete an user from globallist (it delete the user and
def DeleteUser(username):
    for c in GlobalList.keys():
        for user in GlobalList[c]:
            if user.Username == username:
                GlobalList[c].remove(user)
    for u in everyUser():
        for f in u.followers:
            if f.Username==username:
                u.followers.remove(f)
    ListofUsername.remove(username)
    save() #it saves the infoin the file
def everyUser():
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res = []
    for c in range(65,91):
        res += GlobalList[chr(c)]
    return res
def Follow(username, usernametofollow):
    user=FindUsername(username)
    userToFollow=FindUsername(usernametofollow)
    if userToFollow in user.followers:
        user.followers.append(userToFollow)
    save() #it saves the info in the file
entering their usernames
#@return False if the user usernametounfollow is not in the follower of
def UnFollow(username, usernametounfollow):
   y=FindUsername(username)
   x=FindUsername(usernametounfollow)
    if x not in y.followers:
        y.followers.remove(x)
    save() #it saves the infoin the file
def ReturnFollower(username):
   y=FindUsername(username)
   return y.followers
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def SearchForUser(searchfor):
be a name an area or multiple areas of interst a year or a field of
        return everyUser()
ListofUser=<u>list(set(FindArea(searchfor.split())+FindField(searchfor)+[F</u>
indUsername(searchfor)]+FindName(searchfor)+FindYear(searchfor)))
        ListofUser.remove(None)
       return ListofUser
## this function first search for all the followers of an USER then
search for all the user that the USER followers follow, then it
def SuggestionSharedfollowers(username): # this function first search
   ListofUser=[]
   ListofFollower=[]
   y=FindUsername(username)
    for j in y.followers:
        for i in j.followers:
            ListofFollower.append(i)
    ListofFollower=list(set(ListofFollower))
    ListofFollower.remove(y)
    for x in range(len(ListofFollower)):
        total=0
        for j in y.followers:
            for i in j.followers:
                if i==ListofFollower[x]:
                    total=total+1
        ListofUser.append([ListofFollower[x],total])
        ListofUser.sort(key=lambda elem:elem[1], reverse=True)
    return ListofUser
```

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areas of interest corespond to the area of the user we input, rach area
def AreaSuggestion (username):
    ListofUser=[]
   y=FindUsername(username)
    for u in everyUser():
        if u!=y:
            total=0
            for area in u.Areaofinterests:
                if area in y.Areaofinterests:
                    total=total+1
            ListofUser.append([u.Username, total])
    return ListofUser
## this function first search for all the followers of an USER then
#@return the list of the five users we suggest
def Suggestion(username):# this function first search for all the
    ListofUser=[]
    ListofFollower=[]
    y=FindUsername(username)
    for j in y.followers:
        for i in j.followers:
            ListofFollower.append(i.Username)
    ListofFollower=list(set(ListofFollower))
    if y.Username in ListofFollower:
        ListofFollower.remove(y.Username)
    for x in range(len(ListofFollower)):
        total=0
        for j in y.followers:
            for i in j.followers:
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if i.Username==ListofFollower[x]:
                    total=total+1
       ListofUser.append([ListofFollower[x], total])
    ListofUser2=AreaSuggestion(username) #this function attribute a
score for each user depending on how many areas of interest corespond
   ListofUser=ListofUser+ListofUser2#Next we add the two list
   UserToRemove=[]
   for x in range (len (ListofUser) -1): #for all the users who are in the
       for i in range(x, len(ListofUser)-1):
            if ListofUser[x][0] == ListofUser[i+1][0]:
                UserToRemove.append(ListofUser[i+1])
   for x in UserToRemove:
        ListofUser.remove(x)
   ListofUser.sort(key=lambda elem: elem[1], reverse=True)
   return [elem[0] for elem in ListofUser[:5] if elem[1]>0] #we only
def ReturnFollow(username):
   ListofUser=[]
   for u in everyUser():
       for uF in u.followers:
            if uF.Username==username:
                ListofUser.append(u)
   return ListofUser
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CODE: server.py

```
from http.server import HTTPServer, BaseHTTPRequestHandler
import <u>json</u>
import database
class Serv(BaseHTTPRequestHandler):
we then test for the right route(path) to know what to send back
   def do GET(self):
       if self.path == '/':
            file to open = open("./views/index.html").read()
            self.send response(200)
            self.wfile.write(bytes(file to open, 'utf-8'))
       elif self.path == "/addUser.html":
            file_to_open = open("./views/addUser.html").read()
            self.send response(200)
            self.end headers()
            self.wfile.write(bytes(file to open, 'utf-8'))
       elif self.path == "/js/index.js":
            file_to_open = open("./views/js/index.js").read()
            self.send response(200)
            self.end headers()
            self.wfile.write(bytes(file to open, 'utf-8'))
       elif self.path == "/js/jquery.min.js":
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file to open = open("./views/js/jquery.min.js").read()
            self.send response(200)
            self.end headers()
            self.wfile.write(bytes(file to open, 'utf-8'))
       elif self.path == "/bootstrap.min.css":
            file to open = open("./views/bootstrap.min.css").read()
            self.send response(200)
            self.end headers()
            self.wfile.write(bytes(file to open, 'utf-8'))
       elif self.path == "/js/bootstrap.min.js":
            file to open = open("./views/js/bootstrap.min.js").read()
            self.send response(200)
            self.end headers()
            self.wfile.write(bytes(file to open, 'utf-8'))
       elif self.path == "/js/poper.min.js":
            file to open = open("./views/js/poper.min.js").read()
            self.send response(200)
            self.end headers()
            self.wfile.write(bytes(file to open, 'utf-8'))
   def do POST(self):
        if(self.path == "/newMemb"):
            content length = int(self.headers['Content-Length']) # <---</pre>
            post data = self.rfile.read(content length) # <--- Gets the</pre>
data itself
            self.send response(200)
            self.send header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
            self.send header("Content-Type", "application/json")
            self.end headers()
            if newMemb(json.loads(post data.decode('utf-8'))):
                self.wfile.write(bytes(json.dumps({"response":"ok",
"code":0}), "utf-8"))
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self.wfile.write(bytes(json.dumps({"response":"alreadyTaken",
"code":1}), "utf-8"))
        if(self.path == "/editUser"):
            content length = int(self.headers['Content-Length']) # <---</pre>
Gets the size of data
            post data = self.rfile.read(content length) # <--- Gets the</pre>
data itself
            self.send response(200)
            self.send header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
            self.send header("Content-Type", "application/json")
            self.end headers()
            editUser(json.loads(post data.decode('utf-8')))
            self.wfile.write(bytes(json.dumps({"response":"ok",
"code":0}), "utf-8"))
        elif(self.path == "/delUser"):
            content length = int(self.headers['Content-Length']) # <---</pre>
            post_data = self.rfile.read(content length).decode("utf-8")
            database.DeleteUser(ison.loads(post data)["username"])
            self.send response(200)
            self.send header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
            self.end headers()
            self.wfile.write(bytes("ok", "utf-8"))
        elif self.path == "/getUsers":
            content length = int(self.headers['Content-Length']) # <---</pre>
            post_data = self.rfile.read(content length).decode("utf-8")
            self.send response(200)
            self.send header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
            self.send_header("Content-Type", "application/json")
            self.end headers()
            users = [user.export() for user in
database.SearchForUser(post data)]
            self.wfile.write(bytes(json.dumps(users), "utf-8"))
        elif(self.path == "/follow"):
            content length = int(self.headers['Content-Length']) # <---</pre>
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post data = self.rfile.read(content length).decode("utf-8")
            data = json.loads(post data)
            self.send response(200)
            self.send header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
            self.end headers()
            if database.FindUsername(data["userToFollow"]):
                if data["follow"]:
                    database.Follow(data["user"], data["userToFollow"])
                    database.UnFollow(data["user"],
data["userToFollow"])
                self.wfile.write(bytes(json.dumps({"response":"ok",
"code":0,
"newList":<u>database</u>.FindUsername(data["user"]).export()["iFollow"]}),
"utf-8"))
self.wfile.write(bytes(ison.dumps({"response":"notFound", "code":1,
"newList": database. FindUsername (data["user"]).export()["iFollow"]}),
"utf-8"))
as keys
def newMemb(memb):
    return database.CreateUser(memb["pseudo"], memb["name"],
memb['age'], memb['year'], memb['field'], memb["city"], memb["areas"])
def editUser(user):
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database.UppdateUser(user["oldPseudo"], user['name'], user["age"],
user["year"], user["field"], NewCity=user["city"],
NewAreas=user["areas"])

httpd = HTTPServer(('127.0.0.1',8080),Serv)
httpd.serve_forever()
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