# Test Driven Development of BibT<sub>E</sub>X Author Strings

# Introduction

BibT<sub>E</sub>X<sup>1</sup> is a reference management system that is used with LaT<sub>E</sub>X to ease the use of citations in documents. A BibT<sub>E</sub>X database is a text file containing bibliographic information. A typical entry might look like this:

```
@Article{hell:duality_tree_homo,
  author = {Hell, P. and Ne\v{s}et\v{r}il, J. and Zhu, X. },
  title = {Duality and Polynomial Testing of Tree Homomorphisms},
  journal = {Transactions of the American Mathematical Society},
  year = {1996},
  volume = {348},
  number = {4},
  pages = {1281-1297}
}
```

For the purpose of sorting the entries in the bibliography it is important to know the surname and forenames of an author. BibTeX provides a convention where surname and forenames can be unambiguously given. In general there are two ways of expressing a name.

```
Surname, Forename1 Forename2
or
Forename1 Forename2 Surname
```

The reason for this complication is that Ludwig van Beethoven has the surname van Beethoven. So this can be expressed in BibTFX either as:

```
van Beethoven, Ludwig
or as:
Ludwig {van Beethoven}
```

A list of names is separated by and.

<sup>1</sup> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BibTeX

### Goal

The goal of this lab is to write a python function extract\_authors that takes a string of names separated by and and returns a list of pairs of strings ('Surname', 'Forenames'). You will do this by test driven development (TDD). Initially, you will develop a function extract\_author that takes a single author and returns a single pair ('Surname', 'Forenames'). You can use this function to implement extract\_authors.

### **Lab Instructions**

You will develop a Python module named bibtex containing the functions extract\_author(str) and extract\_authors(str) such that all the tests given below pass. You must develop code to pass the tests one by one, in the order given.

As you develop your code you need to keep a code diary. In a separate text file paste each test and the code that you write to pass the test. It is important that you follow **TDD** *strictly*. Only write enough code to pass the next test, and refactor when necessary.

You do not need to hand in your code, but you need to hand in the test diary, that is, a text file that contains the detailed sequence of RED, GREEN and (possibly) BLUE similar to the two examples from lecture 3.

You will be orally marked by one of the lab assistants. You will show your code diary that you have produced, and the lab assistants will ask you questions about the code.

Remember that the lab is to be done on an individual basis.

#### **Test Cases**

The following listing contains all the test cases that your code needs to pass.

```
}
def test_author_1 (setup_data):
   # Test only surnames.
    (Surname, FirstNames) = bibtex.extract_author(setup_data['simple_author_1'])
    assert (Surname, FirstNames) == ('Smith', '')
    (Surname, FirstNames) = bibtex.extract_author(setup_data['simple_author_2'])
    assert (Surname, FirstNames) == ('Jones', '')
def test_author_2(setup_data):
   # Test simple firstname author.
    (Surname, First) = bibtex.extract_author(setup_data['author_1'])
    assert (Surname, First) == ("Smith", "John")
    (Surname, First) = bibtex.extract_author(setup_data['author_2'])
    assert (Surname, First) == ("Jones", "Bob")
def test_author_3 (setup_data):
    (Surname, First) = bibtex.extract_author(setup_data['author_3'])
    assert (Surname, First) == ("Pearson", "Justin Kenneth")
def test_surname_first(setup_data):
    (Surname, First) = bibtex.extract_author(setup_data['surname_first_1'])
    assert (Surname, First) == ("Pearson", "Justin Kenneth")
    (Surname, First) = bibtex.extract_author(setup_data['surname_first_2'])
    assert (Surname, First) == ("Van Hentenryck", "Pascal")
def test_multiple_authors(setup_data):
    Authors = bibtex.extract_authors(setup_data['multiple_authors_1'])
    assert Authors[0] == ('Pearson', 'Justin')
    assert Authors[1] == ('Jones', 'Bob')
```

# **Hints**

There are a lot of helpful functions in Python for string handling. You should look at join, split and strip.