

Reading .dsv files into a dictionary

To work with the data from file `truth.dsv`, it will be convenient to read them into a dictionary which would tell you for each file what numeral or character is depicted on the image.

Reading the .dsv file manually

Reading the data into a dictionary is not hard, you can try to implement it yourself:



- open the file for reading
- for each line in the file:
 - remove the white space in the beginning and at the end of the line using `str.strip()` [<https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html?highlight=strip#str.strip>]
 - call `str.split(':')` [<https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html?highlight=split#str.split>] method that will split the line into two parts using the colon as a separator
 - create key-value pair in the dictionary using the first part of the line as key and the second part as value

Take advantage of "csv" module

Python contains standard module `csv` [<https://docs.python.org/3/library/csv.html>] for easier work with `.csv`, `.dsv` or similar file formats. You can use it to read the `truth.dsv` file in a similar way as described [here](https://www.delftstack.com/howto/python/python-csv-to-dictionary/#use-the-csv-module-to-convert-csv-file-to-dictionary-in-python) [<https://www.delftstack.com/howto/python/python-csv-to-dictionary/#use-the-csv-module-to-convert-csv-file-to-dictionary-in-python>]. You will only have to correctly specify the separator, i.e., set the parameter `delimiter=":"` when calling `csv.reader()`.

Nevertheless, in this particular case the use of `csv` module will not save you much work (in comparison to manual processing of the `.csv` file as suggested above).

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