



# PROJECT MANUAL

## *DIET PROBLEM SOLVER*

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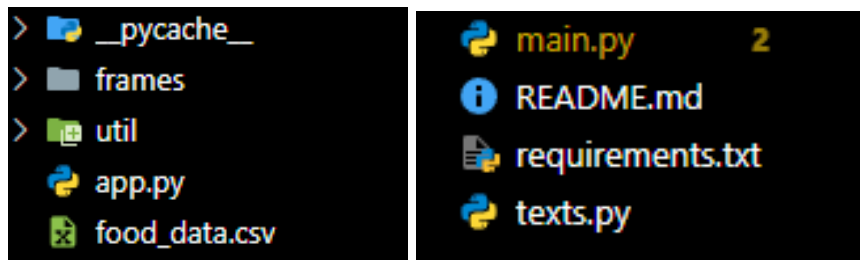
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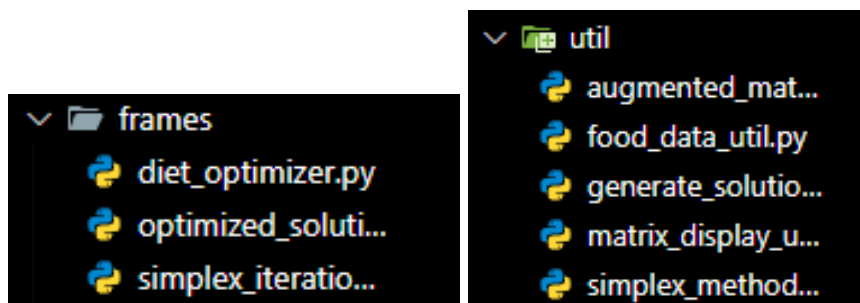
## Downloading Resources

Upon downloading all resources for the project, it should contain all the following files:



## Utils and Frames Folders

The utils folders contain all the logic and necessary functions for various methods and return the necessary outputs for the user to see through an interface. The frames folders on the other hand contain all the UI for the program. It contains different pages and also handles the error prompts and calls the corresponding util function needed.



## Installing Dependencies

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Make sure you have Python and pip installed on your system before running these commands.

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numpy==2.2.0
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pillow==11.0.0
...
tk==0.1.0
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ttkbootstrap==1.10.1
...
pip install -r requirements.txt
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## Running the Program

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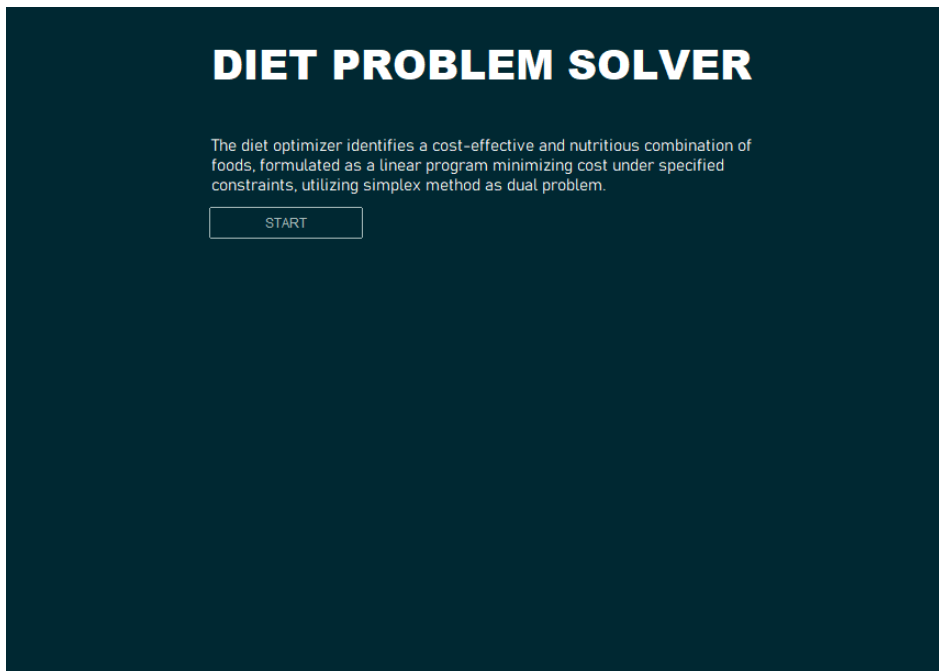
Once you are in the correct directory, run your Python script using the python command followed by the script's filename. If you are using Python 3, you might need to use python3 instead:

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python main.py
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## Main Menu

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Upon running the main application, we are greeted with the app overview for the diet problem solver. By clicking the *START* button, we start the program.



# Diet Optimizer

Now that the *START* button is clicked, the program will send the user to the diet optimizer where they have the option to select foods. The program has a built-in search function to make selection easier in addition to the default checkboxes.

## Diet Optimizer

Use the food search bar function or manually tick checkboxes to select desired foods.

☐ Frozen Broccoli

☐ Carrots,Raw

☐ Celery, Raw

☐ Frozen Corn

☐ Lettuce,Iceberg,Raw

☐ Peppers, Sweet, Raw

☐ Potatoes, Baked

☐ Tofu

☐ Roasted Chicken

☐ Spaghetti W/ Sauce

☐ Tomato,Red,Ripe,Raw

☐ Apple,Raw,W/ Skin

☐ Banana

☐ Grapes

☐ Kiwifruit,Raw, Fresh

☐ Oranges

☐ Bagels

☐ Wheat Bread

☐ White Bread

☐ Oatmeal Cookies

☐ Apple Pie

☐ Chocolate Chip Cookies

☐ Butter,Regular

☐ Cheddar Cheese

☐ 3.3% Fat,Whole Milk

☐ 2% Lowfat Milk

☐ Skim Milk

☐ Poached Eggs

☐ Scrambled Eggs

☐ Bologna,Turkey

☐ Frankfurter, Beef

☐ Ham,Sliced,Extralean

☐ Kielbasa,Prk

☐ Cap'N Crunch

☐ Cheerios

☐ Corn Flks, Kellogg'S

☐ Raisin Brn, Kellogg'S

☐ Rice Krispies

☐ Special K

☐ Oatmeal

☐ Malt-O- Meal,Choc

☐ Pizza W/Pepperoni

☐ Taco

☐ Hamburger W/Toppings

☐ Hotdog, Plain

☐ Couscous

☐ White Rice

☐ Macaroni,Ckd

☐ Peanut Butter

☐ Pork

☐ Sardines in Oil

☐ White Tuna in Water

☐ Popcorn,Air- Popped

☐ Potato Chips,Bbqflvr

☐ Pretzels

☐ Tortilla Chip

☐ Chicknoodl Soup

☐ Split Pea&Hamsoup

☐ Vegetbeef Soup

☐ Neweng Clamchwd

☐ Tomato Soup

☐ New E Clamchwd,W/ Milk

☐ Crm Mshrm Soup,W/Milk

☐ Beanbacn Soup,W/Watr

Clicking the *SEE NUTRIENTS* button will show a pop-up window of all the food data with corresponding nutritional values and its price per serving.

Below is the list of foods and its corresponding cost and nutritional value per serving

Foods	Costs	Serving	Calories	Cholesterol mg	Fat g
Frozen Broccoli	0.16	10.00 Oz Pkg	73.8	0.0	0.8
Carrots,Raw	0.07	0.50 Cup Shredd	23.7	0.0	0.1
Celery, Raw	0.04	1.00 Stalk	6.4	0.0	0.1
Frozen Corn	0.18	0.50 Cup	72.2	0.0	0.6
Lettuce,Iceberg,F	0.02	1.00 Leaf	2.6	0.0	0.0
Peppers, Sweet,	0.53	1.00 Pepper	20.0	0.0	0.1
Potatoes, Baked	0.06	0.50 Cup	171.5	0.0	0.2
Tofu	0.31	0.25 Block	88.2	0.0	5.5
Roasted Chicker	0.84	1.00 Lb	277.4	129.9	10.8
Spaghetti W/ Sau	0.78	1.50 Cup	358.2	0.0	12.3
Tomato,Red,Ripe	0.27	1.00 Tomato, 2-1	25.8	0.0	0.4
Apple,Raw,W/ Sk	0.24	1.00 Fruit,3/Lb,W	81.4	0.0	0.5
Banana	0.15	1.00 Fruit,Wo/Skr	104.9	0.0	0.5
Grapes	0.32	10.00 Fruits,Wo/f	15.1	0.0	0.1

The program also has a *SELECT ALL* function if the user chooses to have a wide variation of foods and for easier testing of the program's simplex method set up as a dual problem.

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Upon clicking the *GENERATE* button the program will generate the optimal combination of foods that would meet the daily nutritional requirements at the cheapest cost. The *CLEAR SELECTION* enables clear all previous selections.

## Optimized Food Combination

This is the most cost efficient combination of foods based on your selection that will meet your minimum nutrient daily needs.

Food	Serving	Cost
Carrots,Raw	0.24	\$ 0.02
Potatoes, Baked	3.54	\$ 0.21
Skim Milk	2.17	\$ 0.28
Peanut Butter	3.60	\$ 0.25
Popcorn,Air- Popped	4.82	\$ 0.19
Total Cost	~	\$ 0.96

Upon clicking the *GENERATE* button without a food selected proper error prompts would be display and the *SEE SIMPLEX ITERATION* button would be disable as there is not food selection to optimize

# Optimized Food Combination

Given the list of selected foods, there is no way to meet the daily minimum nutrient requirements. Try choosing more foods or vary your selection.

Warning: No Food Selected

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See Simplex Iterations

However, upon choosing a variation of foods with a feasible solution, users can choose to see each simplex iteration with its corresponding basic solution. They can select the specific iteration they want to see and generate the iteration by clicking the *GENERATE ITERATION* BUTTON

## Simplex Iterations

Choose specific iteration count to display below the matrix for that iteration of the simplex method set up as a dual problem for solving the optimal food combination that would meet minimum daily nutrient requirements.

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Generate Iteration

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S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11	S12	
0.0	1.88	0.0	35.09	0.0	-12.02	-5.02	0.0	-138.5	0.0	1.58	0.0	-
0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
0.0	0.11	0.0	-17.56	0.0	-2.32	-0.55	0.0	3.75	0.0	1.05	0.0	-
0.0	-0.35	0.0	28.06	0.0	-4.34	-2.64	0.0	15.09	0.0	4.13	0.0	(
0.0	0.08	0.0	-2.23	0.0	0.08	0.09	0.0	-1.94	0.0	-0.31	0.0	-
0.0	-0.02	0.0	9.58	0.0	-2.04	-0.68	0.0	-60.04	0.0	0.97	0.0	(
-1.0	-0.04	0.0	3.82	0.0	-0.67	-0.31	0.0	2.39	0.0	0.45	1.0	(
0.0	2.26	0.0	47.22	0.0	6.79	-0.22	0.0	-29.31	0.0	-11.81	0.0	-
0.0	-122.33	0.0	-658.1	0.0	113.18	15.79	0.0	-404.58	0.0	-77.9	0.0	-
0.0	-0.12	0.0	-1021.9	0.0	-16.08	-1.46	0.0	30.51	0.0	10.71	0.0	(
0.0	-0.08	0.0	6.11	0.0	-2.57	-1.06	0.0	-15.06	0.0	1.15	0.0	(
0.0	-0.58	0.0	58.62	0.0	-10.31	-2.17	0.0	30.23	0.0	7.72	0.0	(
0.0	-0.68	0.0	57.25	0.0	-8.88	-2.72	0.0	30.18	0.0	8.19	0.0	(
0.0	-0.13	0.0	15.29	0.0	-2.14	-0.83	0.0	8.76	0.0	1.88	0.0	(
0.0	-0.06	0.0	30.97	0.0	-5.68	-1.2	0.0	-55.94	0.0	3.55	0.0	(

S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11	S12	S13

This also includes proper error prompts if invalid iteration count was inputted by the user or if the user did not specify the iteration count upon clicking the *GENERATE* button

## Simplex Iterations

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Generate Iteration

Select iteration count first