# I/O and File Handling

## Exercises

### Week 8

Prior to attempting these exercises ensure you have read the lecture notes and/or viewed the video, and followed the practical. You may wish to use the Python interpreter in interactive mode to help work out the solutions to some of the questions.

Download and store this document within your own filespace, so the contents can be edited. You will be able to refer to it during the test in Week 6.

Enter your answers directly into the highlighted boxes.

For more information about the module delivery, assessment and feedback please refer to the module within the MyBeckett portal.

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Which of the following represents a Python *f-string*?

1. "Hello {}, you have logged in".format(name)
2. "Hello {name}, you have logged in"
3. f"Hello {name}, you have logged in"
4. "Hello %s, you have logged in" % name

*Answer:*

Option “c” represents Python f-string.

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Given the following definition of value, what would each of the following statements display?

value = 10.768572

print(f"Value is {value}")

*Answer:*

Value is 10.768572

print(f"Value is {value \* 10}")

*Answer:*

Value is 107.68572

print(f"Value is {value:.2f}")

*Answer:*

Value is 10.77

print(f"Value is {value:16.2f}")

*Answer:*

Value is 10.77

print(f"Value is {value:0>16.2f}")

*Answer:*

Value is 0000000000010.77

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Within an *f-string* **format specifier** what does the ‘^’ alignment character signify?

*Answer:*

‘^’ character signifies center alignment.

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Write a statement which uses the str.format() to generate the same output as the following *f-string* statement -

print(f"pi to 5 decimal places is {math.pi:.5f}")

*Answer:*

print("pi to 5 decimal places is {:.5f}".format(math.pi))

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What would the following statement display?

print("Length = {1} Width = {0}".format(10,20))

*Answer:*

Length = 20 Width = 10

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What *exactly* would the following statement display?

print("Hello".rjust(10))

*Answer:*

Hello

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On which older programming language is the *%-formatting* style loosely based?

*Answer:*

C Programming Language

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Write a Python program that uses a loop and the str.rjust() method to generate the following output.

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*Hint:* The program will start as follows

for n in range(10,0,-1):

line = "#" \* n

# rest of code....

*Answer:*

for i in range(10, 0, -1):

line = "#" \* i

print(line.rjust(10))

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What is the basic element that *all* computer files contain?

*Answer:*

Data

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What *function* must be called before the contents of a file can be accessed?

*Answer:*

open()

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What *method* must be called on a file object once processing is complete?

*Answer:*

close()

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Following execution of the given statement, would the file ‘myfile.txt’ be open for *reading* or for *writing*?

f = open("myfile.txt")

*Answer:*

The file would open in read only mode.

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Following execution of the given statement, would the file yourfile.txt be open for *reading* or for *writing*?

f2 = open("yourfile.txt", "w")

*Answer:*

The file would open in write only mode.

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Following execution of the given statement, what would be the *mode of operation* applied to file gfxlib.so ?

f3 = open("gfxlib.so", "r+b")

*Answer:*

The file given will be opened in read and write mode for binary access.

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What is the difference between the two following method calls?

f.readline()

f.readlines()

*Answer:*

f.readline() reads a single line and saves as string.

f.readlines() reads all the line and saves a list. Each element in the list is a line from the file.

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How much of the file content would be read with the following method call?

content = f.read()

*Answer:*

The entire content of the file.

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If the variable ‘my\_file’ referred to a text file, what would the following code do?

for next in my\_file:

print(next)

*Answer:*

The contents of the file is read line by line.

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What is the issue with the following code? And how could it be fixed?

f = open("details.txt", "w")

total = 100

f.write(total)

f.close()

*Answer:*

The write method requires string but total is an integer. We need to convert total to a string for the code to work.

f.write(str(total)) should fix the issue.

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What is the purpose of the file tell() method?

*Answer:*

It is used to return the current position of the file cursor within the open file.

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What does the following code do?

f.seek(0)

*Answer:*

The given cursor moves the file cursor to the beginning of the file.

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Why is file handling often done using a ‘with’ statement as shown below?

with open("data.txt") as f:

lines = f.readlines()

*Answer:*

Because it automatically closes the file after the operations within its block is done.

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