

Rationale and UML Explanation for LIMKOKWING MINI LIBRARY SYSTEM

UML Diagram Representation

Below is a textual UML diagram representation of the system's data structure and major functional relationships.

This representation shows how functions interact with data collections such as dictionaries, lists, and tuples.

Rationale

The design of the LIMKOKWING MINI LIBRARY SYSTEM is based on Python's native data structures: lists, dictionaries, and tuples. Each structure was carefully selected to optimize data manipulation, enhance readability, and ensure flexibility in future enhancements.

Use of Dictionaries

Dictionaries were chosen to store structured information about books and members. In Python, dictionaries provide key-value mapping, allowing quick access and updates to data. For instance, each book's ISBN acts as a unique key in the 'isbn_book_details' dictionary, making it efficient to search, update, or delete book records. Similarly, member details are stored as individual dictionaries within a list, enabling unique referencing through their 'Member_Id'. This structure mimics relational database design while maintaining the simplicity of in-memory operations.

Using dictionaries also allows flexible storage of diverse data types under a single entity. Each dictionary can contain strings, integers, and lists (e.g., Borrowed_Books), allowing the system to track not only static information like names and titles but also dynamic ones like borrowed book lists.

Use of Lists

Lists were implemented to manage collections of items that change frequently, such as members and borrowed books. The list data type allows appending, removing, and iterating through elements dynamically. In the system, 'members' is a list of dictionaries, each representing a library member. This allows easy

addition of new members, deletion of existing ones, and iteration for searches or updates.

Within each member record, the 'Borrowed_Books' list enables storing multiple titles that a member has borrowed. This dynamic nature of lists ensures scalability since a member's borrowed books can increase or decrease without the need for complex restructuring.

Use of Tuples

Tuples were selected for storing predefined, unchangeable data, in this case, 'book_genres'. The genre list represents a fixed set of allowable categories such as FICTION, NON-FICTION, HORROR, etc. Using a tuple ensures that these values remain immutable throughout the program execution, maintaining consistency.

Tuples are also faster to access compared to lists and safeguard against accidental modification. This is particularly important for fixed data like genres, where the integrity of classification is essential for proper data entry validation and reporting.

Integration of Data Structures

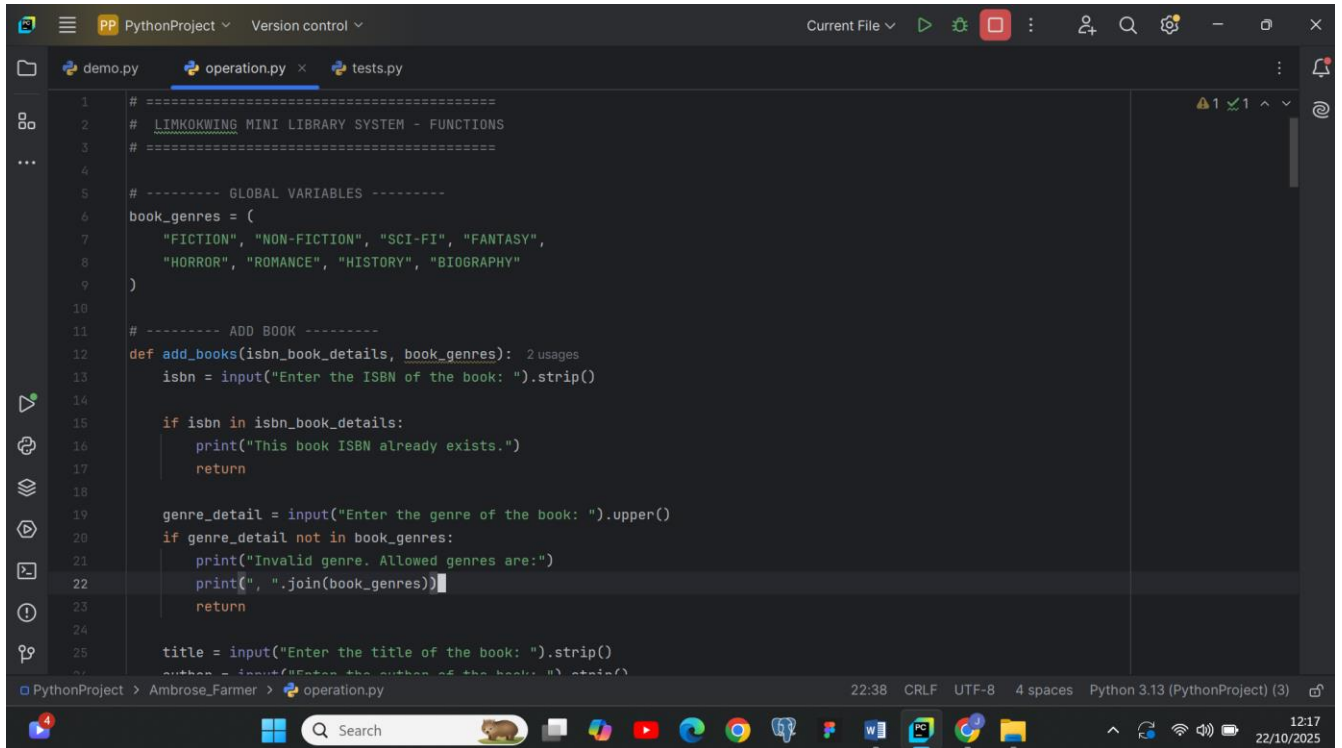
The system combines these three structures harmoniously. Dictionaries serve as containers for structured records, lists handle multiple similar entities, and tuples define unchangeable reference data. For example, when adding a book, the system verifies the entered genre against the tuple 'book_genres', then stores the book details in the 'isbn_book_details' dictionary. Likewise, when a member borrows a book, the book title is added to that member's 'Borrowed_Books' list, while the available copy count is updated within the dictionary.

This integration results in a clean, modular, and efficient structure that reflects real-world database relationships. It also provides a foundational model that can easily be extended to an actual database (e.g., SQL or Access) in the future.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the combined use of lists, dictionaries, and tuples in the LIMKOKWING MINI LIBRARY SYSTEM provides an optimal balance of flexibility, performance, and data integrity. Each data type was purposefully chosen for its strengths: dictionaries for key-based access, lists for dynamic collections, and tuples for immutable reference data. Together, they form a robust foundation that aligns with good programming practices and structured data management principles.

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The screenshot shows a code editor window with a dark theme. The title bar indicates the project is 'PythonProject' and the file is 'operation.py'. The code is a Python script for a 'LIMKOKWING MINI LIBRARY SYSTEM - FUNCTIONS'. It defines a set of book genres and a function 'add_books' that takes an ISBN and a genre as input. The function checks if the ISBN is already in the list and if the genre is valid. If both are valid, it prompts the user to enter the title and author of the book. The code is as follows:

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1 # =====  
2 # LIMKOKWING MINI LIBRARY SYSTEM - FUNCTIONS  
3 # =====  
4  
5 # ----- GLOBAL VARIABLES -----  
6 book_genres = (  
7     "FICTION", "NON-FICTION", "SCI-FI", "FANTASY",  
8     "HORROR", "ROMANCE", "HISTORY", "BIOGRAPHY"  
9 )  
10  
11 # ----- ADD BOOK -----  
12 def add_books(isbn_book_details, book_genres): 2 usages  
13     isbn = input("Enter the ISBN of the book: ").strip()  
14  
15     if isbn in isbn_book_details:  
16         print("This book ISBN already exists.")  
17         return  
18  
19     genre_detail = input("Enter the genre of the book: ").upper()  
20     if genre_detail not in book_genres:  
21         print("Invalid genre. Allowed genres are:")  
22         print(", ".join(book_genres))  
23         return  
24  
25     title = input("Enter the title of the book: ").strip()  
26     author = input("Enter the author of the book: ").strip()
```

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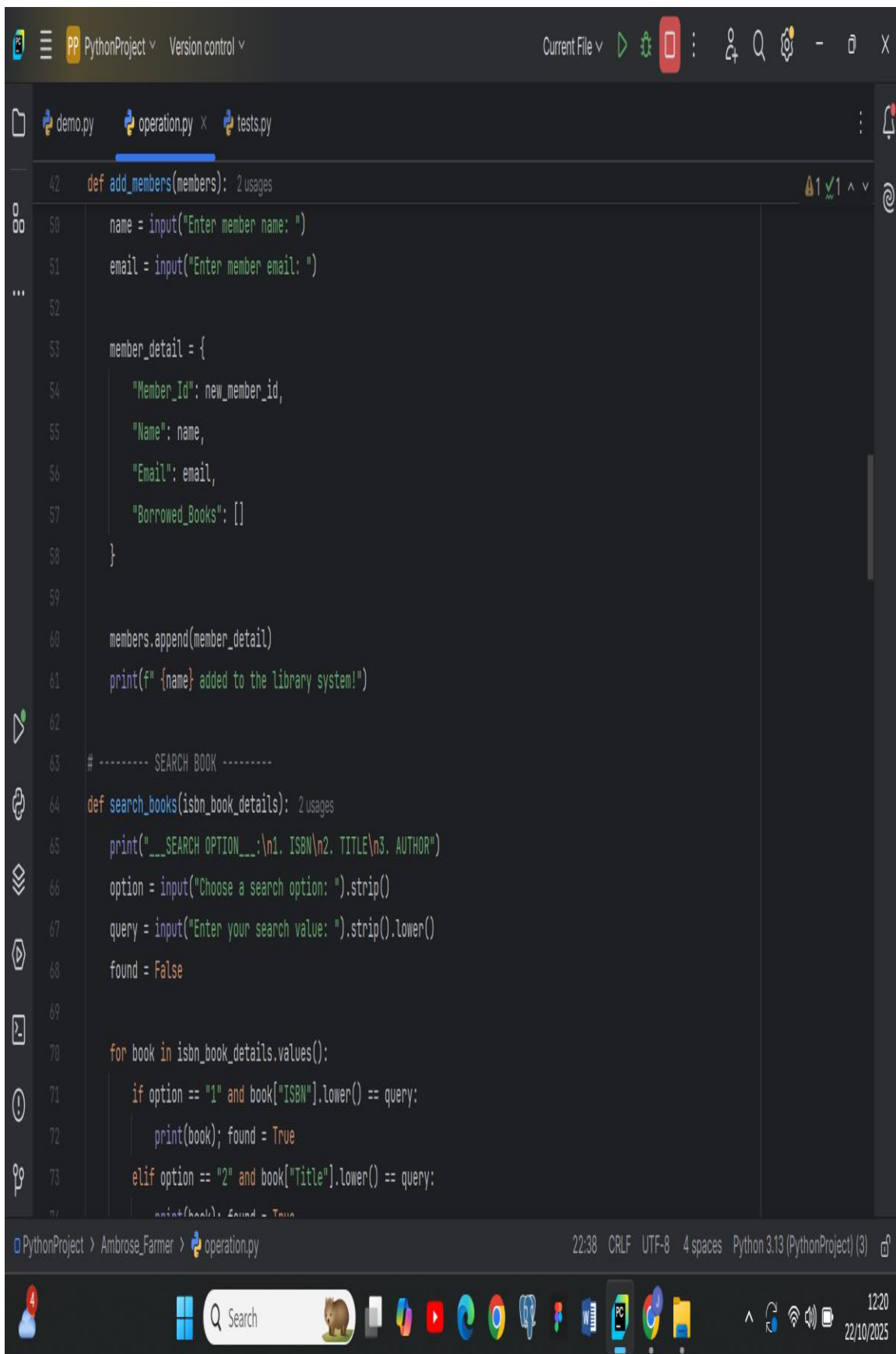
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12 def add_books(isbn_book_details, book_genres): 2 usages
26     author = input("Enter the author of the book: ").strip()
27     total_copies = int(input("Enter total copies available: "))
28
29     book_details = {
30         "ISBN": isbn,
31         "Title": title,
32         "Author": author,
33         "Genre": genre_detail,
34         "Total Copies": total_copies,
35         "Available Copies": total_copies
36     }
37
38     isbn_book_details[isbn] = book_details
39     print(f" Successfully added book: {title} ({genre_detail})")
40
41 # ----- ADD MEMBER -----
42 def add_members(members): 2 usages
43     new_member_id = int(input("Enter the student ID: "))
44
45     for member in members:
46         if member["Member_Id"] == new_member_id:
47             print("A member with the same ID already exists.")
48             return
49
50     name = input("Enter member name: ")
```

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The screenshot shows a Python IDE with a dark theme. The top bar includes a menu icon, a project name 'PythonProject', a 'Version control' dropdown, and a 'Current File' dropdown. The file explorer on the left shows three files: 'demo.py', 'operation.py' (selected), and 'tests.py'. The main editor displays the code for 'operation.py'. The code defines two functions: 'add_members' and 'search_books'. The 'add_members' function takes a list of members and adds a new member to it. The 'search_books' function takes a dictionary of book details and searches for a book based on a query and search option. The code is as follows:

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42 def add_members(members): 2 usages
50     name = input("Enter member name: ")
51     email = input("Enter member email: ")
52
53     member_detail = {
54         "Member_Id": new_member_id,
55         "Name": name,
56         "Email": email,
57         "Borrowed_Books": []
58     }
59
60     members.append(member_detail)
61     print(f"{name} added to the library system!")
62
63 # ----- SEARCH BOOK -----
64 def search_books(isbn_book_details): 2 usages
65     print("__SEARCH OPTION__:\n1. ISBN\n2. TITLE\n3. AUTHOR")
66     option = input("Choose a search option: ").strip()
67     query = input("Enter your search value: ").strip().lower()
68     found = False
69
70     for book in isbn_book_details.values():
71         if option == "1" and book["ISBN"].lower() == query:
72             print(book); found = True
73         elif option == "2" and book["Title"].lower() == query:
74             print(book); found = True
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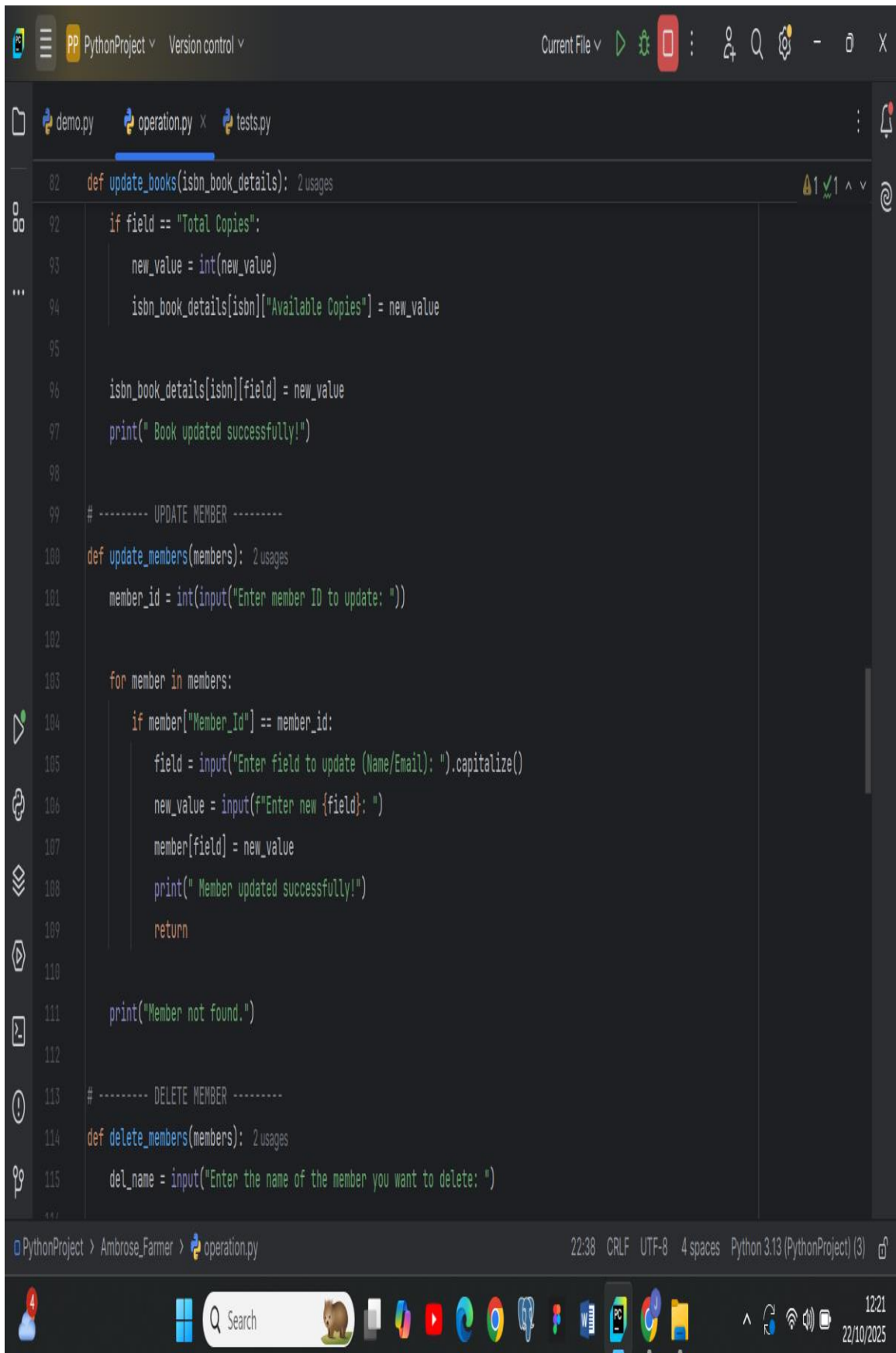
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64 def search_books(isbn_book_details): 2 usages
68     found = False
69
70     for book in isbn_book_details.values():
71         if option == "1" and book["ISBN"].lower() == query:
72             print(book); found = True
73         elif option == "2" and book["Title"].lower() == query:
74             print(book); found = True
75         elif option == "3" and book["Author"].lower() == query:
76             print(book); found = True
77
78     if not found:
79         print("Book not found.")
80
81 # ----- UPDATE BOOK -----
82 def update_books(isbn_book_details): 2 usages
83     isbn = input("Enter ISBN of book to update: ")
84
85     if isbn not in isbn_book_details:
86         print("Book not found.")
87         return
88
89     field = input("Enter field to update (Title/Author/Genre/Total Copies): ").title()
90     new_value = input(f"Enter new {field}: ")
91
92     if field == "Total Copies":
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82 def update_books(isbn_book_details): 2 usages
92     if field == "Total Copies":
93         new_value = int(new_value)
94         isbn_book_details[isbn]["Available Copies"] = new_value
95
96     isbn_book_details[isbn][field] = new_value
97     print(" Book updated successfully!")
98
99 # ----- UPDATE MEMBER -----
100 def update_members(members): 2 usages
101     member_id = int(input("Enter member ID to update: "))
102
103     for member in members:
104         if member["Member_Id"] == member_id:
105             field = input("Enter field to update (Name/Email): ").capitalize()
106             new_value = input(f"Enter new {field}: ")
107             member[field] = new_value
108             print(" Member updated successfully!")
109             return
110
111     print("Member not found.")
112
113 # ----- DELETE MEMBER -----
114 def delete_members(members): 2 usages
115     del_name = input("Enter the name of the member you want to delete: ")
```

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114 def delete_members(members): 2 usages
116
117     for member in members:
118         if member["Name"].lower() == del_name.lower():
119             members.remove(member)
120             print(f"Successfully deleted {del_name}")
121             return
122
123     print("No member found with that name.")
124
125 # ----- BORROW BOOK -----
126 def borrow_book(members, isbn_book_details): 3 usages
127     member_id = int(input("Enter member ID: "))
128     isbn = input("Enter ISBN of the book to borrow: ").strip()
129
130     member = next((m for m in members if m["Member_Id"] == member_id), None)
131     if not member:
132         print("Member not found.")
133         return
134
135     if isbn not in isbn_book_details:
136         print("Book not found.")
137         return
138
139     book = isbn_book_details[isbn]
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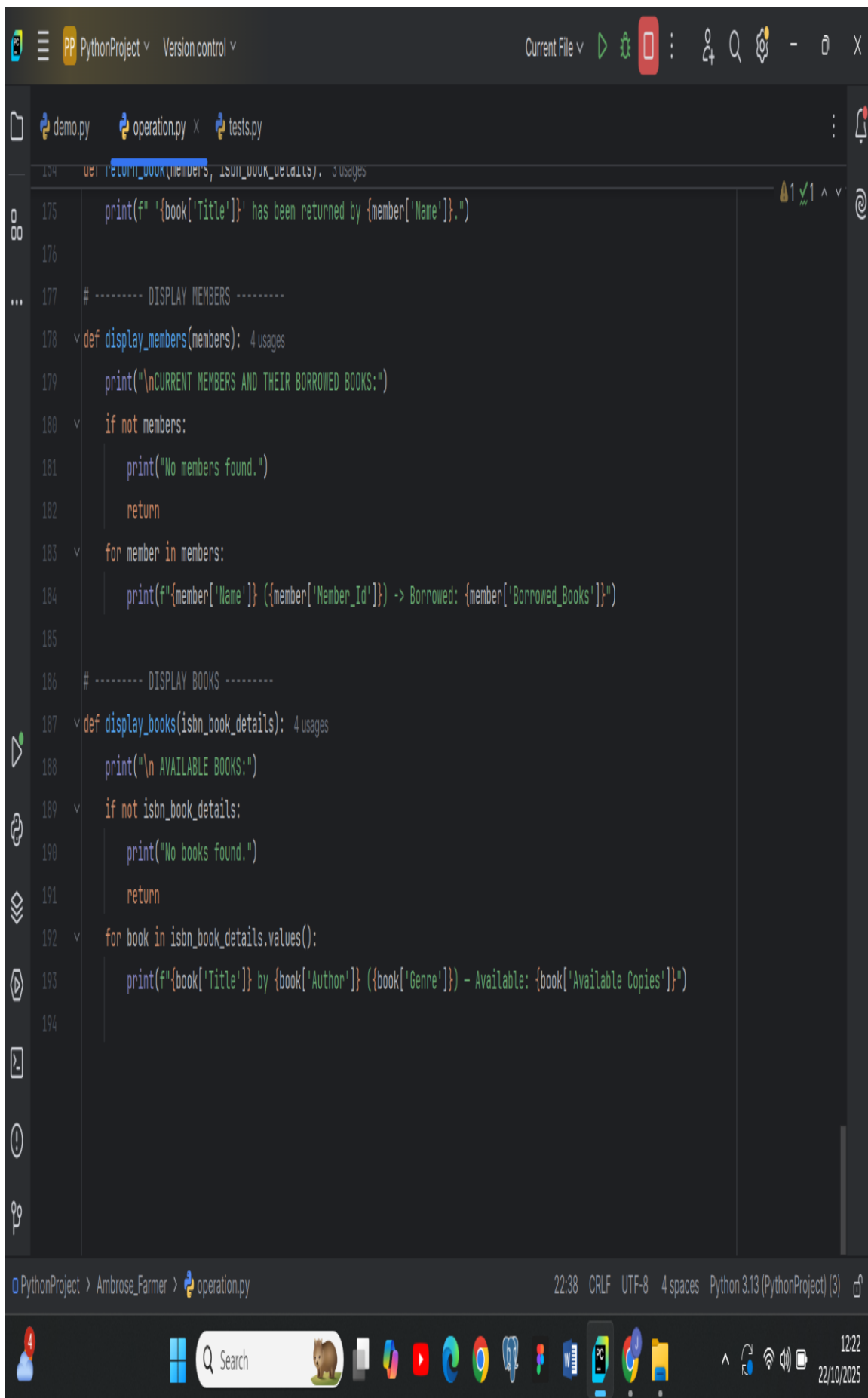
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126 def borrow_book(members, isbn_book_details): 3 usages
140
141     if book["Available Copies"] <= 0:
142         print(f"Sorry, '{book['Title']}' is currently unavailable.")
143         return
144
145     if len(member["Borrowed_Books"]) >= 3:
146         print("Borrowing limit reached (max 3 books).")
147         return
148
149     member["Borrowed_Books"].append(book["Title"])
150     book["Available Copies"] -= 1
151     print(f" '{book['Title']}' has been borrowed by {member['Name']}.")
152
153     # ----- RETURN BOOK -----
154     def return_book(members, isbn_book_details): 3 usages
155         member_id = int(input("Enter member ID: "))
156         isbn = input("Enter ISBN of the book to return: ").strip()
157
158         member = next((m for m in members if m["Member_Id"] == member_id), None)
159         if not member:
160             print("Member not found.")
161             return
162
163         if isbn not in isbn_book_details:
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175 return_book(members, isbn_book_details):
176     print(f" '{book['Title']}' has been returned by {member['Name']}")
177
178 # ----- DISPLAY MEMBERS -----
179 def display_members(members):
180     print("\nCURRENT MEMBERS AND THEIR BORROWED BOOKS:")
181     if not members:
182         print("No members found.")
183         return
184     for member in members:
185         print(f"{member['Name']} ({member['Member_Id']} -> Borrowed: {member['Borrowed_Books']})")
186
187 # ----- DISPLAY BOOKS -----
188 def display_books(isbn_book_details):
189     print("\nAVAILABLE BOOKS:")
190     if not isbn_book_details:
191         print("No books found.")
192         return
193     for book in isbn_book_details.values():
194         print(f"{book['Title']} by {book['Author']} ({book['Genre']} - Available: {book['Available Copies']})")
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demo.py operation.py tests.py
1 # =====
2 # LINKOKWING MINI LIBRARY SYSTEM - DEMO SCRIPT
3 # =====
4
5
6 from operation import (
7     add_books, add_members, search_books, update_books,
8     update_members, delete_members, borrow_book, return_book,
9     display_members, display_books, book_genres
10 )
11
12
13 # ----- SAMPLE DATA -----
14 members = [
15     {"Member_Id": 905005032, "Name": "Joseph A. Farmer", "Email": "jambrosefarmer@gmail.com", "Borrowed_Books": []},
16     {"Member_Id": 905005030, "Name": "Tommy A. Farmer", "Email": "tambrosefarmer@gmail.com", "Borrowed_Books": []},
17 ]
18
19 isbn_book_details = {
20     "101": {"ISBN": "101", "Title": "Invisible Man", "Author": "Ralph Ellison", "Genre": "BIOGRAPHY", "Total Copies": 5, "Available Copies": 5},
21     "102": {"ISBN": "102", "Title": "Python Basics", "Author": "Mark Lutz", "Genre": "NON-FICTION", "Total Copies": 3, "Available Copies": 3},
22     "103": {"ISBN": "103", "Title": "Haunting of Hill House", "Author": "Shirley Jackson", "Genre": "HORROR", "Total Copies": 4, "Available Copies": 4},
23 }
24
25 # ----- MAIN MENU -----
26
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25 # ----- MAIN MENU -----
26 def main_menu(): 1 usage
27     while True:
28         print("""
29         =====
30         LIMKOKWING MINI LIBRARY MENU
31         =====
32         1. Add Book
33         2. Add Member
34         3. Search Book
35         4. Update Book
36         5. Update Member
37         6. Delete Member
38         7. Borrow Book
39         8. Return Book
40         9. Display All Members
41         10. Display All Books
42         0. Exit
43         """)
44         choice = input("Enter your choice: ").strip()
45
46         if choice == "1":
47             add_books(isbn_book_details, book_genres)
48         elif choice == "2":
49             add_members(members)
50         elif choice == "3":
51             search_books(isbn_book_details)
52         elif choice == "4":
53             update_books(isbn_book_details)
54         elif choice == "5":
55             update_members(members)
56         elif choice == "6":
57             delete_members(members)
58         elif choice == "7":
59             borrow_book(members, isbn_book_details)
60         elif choice == "8":
61             return_book(members, isbn_book_details)
62         elif choice == "9":
63             display_members(members)
64         elif choice == "10":
65             display_books(isbn_book_details)
66         elif choice == "0":
67             print("Exiting the system. Goodbye!")
68             break
69         else:
70             print("Invalid option. Please try again.")
```

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26 def main_menu(): 1 usage
57     delete_members(members)
58     elif choice == "7":
59         borrow_book(members, isbn_book_details)
60     elif choice == "8":
61         return_book(members, isbn_book_details)
62     elif choice == "9":
63         display_members(members)
64     elif choice == "10":
65         display_books(isbn_book_details)
66     elif choice == "0":
67         print("Exiting the system. Goodbye!")
68         break
69     else:
70         print("Invalid option. Please try again.")
71
72 # ----- RUN PROGRAM -----
73 if __name__ == "__main__":
74     main_menu()
75
```

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1 # =====
2 # LIMKOKWING MINI LIBRARY SYSTEM - UNIT TESTS
3 # =====
4 import unittest
5 from operation import (
6     display_books, display_members
7 )
8
9 # We'll also import any functions that don't require input
10 from operation import borrow_book, return_book
11
12 class TestLibrarySystem(unittest.TestCase):
13
14     def setUp(self):
15         """Sample test data (runs before each test)."""
16         self.members = [
17             {"Member_Id": 905005032, "Name": "Joseph A. Farmer", "Email": "jambrosefarmer@gmail.com", "Borrowed_Books": []},
18             {"Member_Id": 905005030, "Name": "Tommy A. Farmer", "Email": "tambrosefarmer@gmail.com", "Borrowed_Books": []},
19         ]
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21         self.isbn_book_details = {
22             "101": {"ISBN": "101", "Title": "Invisible Man", "Author": "Ralph Ellison", "Genre": "BIOGRAPHY",
23                   "Total Copies": 5, "Available Copies": 5},
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25                   "Total Copies": 3, "Available Copies": 3},
26         }
```

