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https://github.com/juliamoe/IntroToProg-Python

Creating a To Do List

Introduction

The purpose of the code was to create a To Do List by using functions and utilizing an existing code that had not been finished. functionalities of the script were to write, remove, and save data into a .txt file located in the same folder as where the program was saved. The user would choose which action they wanted to accomplish by choosing it from the starter menu. The working code is presented in the figure 1.1 and the before and after editing .txt file is presented in the figures 1.2 and 1.3.

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Assigment06_Starter.py ToDoFile.txt
[juliamokkonen@Julias-MacBook-Pro Assignment06 % python3 Assigment06_Starter.py
****** The current tasks ToDo are: ******
update starter code, high
dog,high
bird, medium
************
       Menu of Options
       1) Add a new Task
        2) Remove an existing Task
       3) Save Data to File
        4) Exit Program
Which option would you like to perform? [1 to 4] - 1
What is the task? feed the bird
What is the priority? high/low - high
****** The current tasks ToDo are: *****
update starter code, high
dog, high
bird, medium
feed the bird, high
*********
       Menu of Options
       1) Add a new Task
        2) Remove an existing Task
        3) Save Data to File
        4) Exit Program
Which option would you like to perform? [1 to 4] - 2
Which task would you like removed? - dog
row removed
****** The current tasks ToDo are: ******
update starter code, high
bird, medium
feed the bird, high
*************
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Menu of Options
       1) Add a new Task
       2) Remove an existing Task
       3) Save Data to File
       4) Exit Program
Which option would you like to perform? [1 to 4] - 3
Data Saved!
****** The current tasks ToDo are: ******
update starter code, high
bird, medium
feed the bird, high
**************
       Menu of Options
       1) Add a new Task
       2) Remove an existing Task
       3) Save Data to File
       4) Exit Program
Which option would you like to perform? [1 to 4] - 4
Goodbye!
juliamokkonen@Julias-MacBook-Pro Assignment06 % 🗍
```

Figure 1.1: Working code in the Mac Terminal

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ToDoFile.txt — Edited

update starter code.high
dog.high
bird,medium
```

Figure 1.2: Output printed into a text file before editing

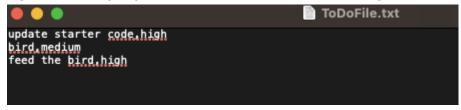


Figure 1.3: Output printed into a text file after removing the task row "dog" and adding the task row "feed the bird"

Use of Functions

The code was divided into three sections which were presentation layer, data layer, and processing layer. The script heavily relied on using functions which were called from the presentation section of the code. The user input data was prompted and provided in the data layer, and actual processing of the data happened in the processing layer. Using functions makes it easier to make edits into the script and if the same processes are done in multiple different parts of the program, calling the same

function more than once avoids unnecessary copy and paste on the code. The working code can be seen in figures 1.4a-1.4e.

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1 ∨ # ------ 🗛 15 🛫 2 ^
2 # Title: Assignment 06
   # Description: Working with functions in a class,
              When the program starts, load each "row" of data
               in "ToDoToDoList.txt" into a python Dictionary.
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               Add the each dictionary "row" to a python list "table"
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7
   # ChangeLog (Who, When, What):
   # RRoot, 1.1.2030, Created started script
   # JMoekkoenen, 8/14/2023, Modified code to complete assignment 06
   # ------ #
10
11
12
   # Data ----- #
   # Declare variables and constants
14 file_name_str = "ToDoFile.txt" # The name of the data file
   file_obj = None # An object that represents a file
15
16
   row_dic = {} # A row of data separated into elements of a dictionary {Task,Priority}
   table_lst = [] # A list that acts as a 'table' of rows
   choice_str = "" # Captures the user option selection
19
20
   # Processing ------ #
   4 usages
22 v class Processor:
      """ Performs Processing tasks """
23
      1 usage
25
     @staticmethod
     def read_data_from_file(file_name, list_of_rows):
26 V
27 ~
          """ Reads data from a file into a list of dictionary rows
         :param file_name: (string) with name of file:
         :param list_of_rows: (list) you want filled with file data:
29
         :return: (list) of dictionary rows
30
31
32
          list_of_rows.clear() # clear current data
33
          file = open(file_name, "r")
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Figure 1.4a: Code for To Do list

```
for line in file:
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35
                 task,priority = line.split(",")
                 row = {"Task": task.strip(), "Priority": priority.strip()}
36
                 list_of_rows.append(row)
37
             file.close()
38
39
             return list_of_rows
40
        1 usage
        @staticmethod
41
        def add_data_to_list(task, priority, list_of_rows):
42
            """ Adds data to a list of dictionary rows
            :param task: (string) with name of task:
44
             :param priority: (string) with name of priority:
45
             :param list_of_rows: (list) you want to add more data to:
46
47
            :return: (list) of dictionary rows
            row = {"Task": str(task).strip(), "Priority": str(priority).strip()}
49
50
            list_of_rows.append(row)
51
            return list_of_rows
52
        1 usage
53
        @staticmethod
        def remove_data_from_list(task, list_of_rows):
54
             """ Removes data from a list of dictionary rows
55
            :param task: (string) with name of task:
56
             :param list_of_rows: (list) you want filled with file data:
            :return: (list) of dictionary rows
58
59
            for row in list_of_rows:
60
                 if row["Task"].lower() == task.lower():
61
62
                     list_of_rows.remove(row)
63
                     print("row removed")
             return list_of_rows
64
65
```

Figure 1.4b: Code for To Do list

```
1 usage
        @staticmethod
66
        def write_data_to_file(file_name, list_of_rows):
67
            """ Writes data from a list of dictionary rows to a File
68
            :param file_name: (string) with name of file:
69
            :param list_of_rows: (list) you want filled with file data:
70
71
            :return: (list) of dictionary rows
72
            file = open(file_name, "w")
73
74
            for row in list_of_rows:
                file.write(row["Task"]+","+row["Priority"]+"\n")
75
76
            file.close()
            return list_of_rows
77
78
    # Presentation (Input/Output) -----#
79
80
    5 usages
81
    class IO:
        """ Performs Input and Output tasks """
82
83
        1 usage
84
        @staticmethod
        def output_menu_tasks():
85
            """ Display a menu of choices to the user
86
            :return: nothing
87
88
            print('''
89
            Menu of Options
90
            1) Add a new Task
91
            2) Remove an existing Task
92
            3) Save Data to File
93
            4) Exit Program
94
95
            ''')
            print() # Add an extra line for looks
96
```

Figure 1.4c: Code for To Do list

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         1 usage
         @staticmethod
98
99
         def input_menu_choice():
             """ Gets the menu choice from a user
100
             :return: string
101
102
             choice = str(input("Which option would you like to perform? [1 to 4] - ")).strip()
103
104
             print() # Add an extra line for looks
105
             return choice
106
         1 usage
         @staticmethod
107
108
         def output_current_tasks_in_list(list_of_rows):
             """ Shows the current Tasks in the list of dictionaries rows
109
             :param list_of_rows: (list) of rows you want to display
110
111
             :return: nothing
112
             print("****** The current tasks ToDo are: ******")
113
114
             for row in list_of_rows:
                print(row["Task"] + "," + row["Priority"] + "\n")
115
116
             print() # Add an extra line for looks
117
118
         1 usage
119
         @staticmethod
120
         def input_new_task_and_priority():
             """ Gets task and priority values to be added to the list
121
122
             :return: (string, string) with task and priority
123
124
             pass
             task = str(input("What is the task? ")).strip()
125
             priority = str(input("What is the priority? high/low - ")).strip()
126
             return task, priority
127
```

Figure 1.4d: Code for To Do list

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129
         @staticmethod
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130
         def input_task_to_remove():
             """ Gets the task name to be removed from the list
132
             :return: (string) with task
133
134
            pass
             task=str(input("Which task would you like removed? - "))
135
            return task
137
    # Main Body of Script ------ #
138
139
140
    # Step 1 - When the program starts, Load data from ToDoFile.txt.
141
     Processor.read_data_from_file(_file_name=file_name_str, list_of_rows=table_lst) # read_file_data
142
     # Step 2 - Display a menu of choices to the user
143
144
     while (True):
         # Step 3 Show current data
         IO.output_current_tasks_in_list(list_of_rows=table_lst) # Show current data in the list/table
         IO.output_menu_tasks() # Shows menu
         choice_str = I0.input_menu_choice() # Get menu option
148
149
150
         # Step 4 - Process user's menu choice
151
         if choice_str.strip() == '1': # Add a new Task
152
            task, priority = I0.input_new_task_and_priority()
             table_lst = Processor.add_data_to_list(task=task, priority=priority, list_of_rows=table_lst)
153
            continue # to show the menu
155
         elif choice_str == '2': # Remove an existing Task
156
             task = I0.input task to remove()
157
             table_lst = Processor.remove_data_from_list(task=task, list_of_rows=table_lst)
158
             continue # to show the menu
         elif choice_str == '3': # Save Data to File
             table_lst = Processor.write_data_to_file(file_name=file_name_str, list_of_rows=table_lst)
             print("Data Saved!")
163
            continue # to show the menu
165
         elif choice_str == '4': # Exit Program
166
            print("Goodbye!")
167
            break # by exiting loop
168
```

Figure 1.4e: Code for To Do list

Challenges

The most challenging part of the assignment was to follow the ready-made code and how the original editor had been thinking whenever they wrote it. Some of the variables were named the same which caused some confusion, one example of this was on line 153 where task=task and priority=priority. Person editing the code may find the same naming convention confusing and mix up which one is the returned variable.

Summary

The assignment was to use an unfinished script of a To Do List and finish it by implementing the use of functions. The script was divided into three sections, presentation, data, and processing. The use of functions makes the code more editable and shortens the overall length of the code because the same function can be called multiple times with different data sets.