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import nltk
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
import string
from string import punctuation
import os
from os import listdir
from collections import Counter
def text_to_tokens(filename):
'''Opens the input text file and
returns a list of all of its words.'''
file = open(filename, 'r')
text = file.read()
file.close()
tokens = text.split()
return tokens
# go up one level of the directory to be able to get into the data folder
cd ..
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/Users/kamilapalys/Desktop/school/data450/capstone

Ensure we're in the correct directory to be able to navigate to the data folder pwd

'/Users/kamilapalys/Desktop/school/data450/capstone'

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# example of using the function

filepath = 'data/text/cnn_trump.txt'
text = text_to_tokens(filepath)
len(text)
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how all the text files will be looped through

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directory = 'data/text/'
for filename in os.listdir(directory):
    filepath = str(os.path.join(directory, filename))
    # use preprocessing functions
    # somehow append each list of tokens (each article) to a dataframe
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data/text/nyp_affirmative.txt
data/text/bbc_tanks.txt
data/text/cnn_hamas.txt
data/text/wsj_trump.txt
data/text/wp_affirmative.txt
data/text/bbc_balloon.txt
data/text/wsj_affirmative.txt
data/text/nyt_trump.txt
data/text/wp_balloon.txt
data/text/cnn_pentagon.txt
data/text/cnn_tanks.txt
data/text/bbc hamas.txt
data/text/nbc_tanks.txt
data/text/nyp_hamas.txt
data/text/.DS_Store
data/text/cnn_balloon.txt
data/text/fox_pentagon.txt
data/text/wp_biden.txt
data/text/nyp_tanks.txt
data/text/nbc_hamas.txt
data/text/abc_balloon.txt
data/text/nyt_pentagon.txt
data/text/fox_tanks.txt
data/text/wp_trump.txt
data/text/fox_hamas.txt
data/text/nyp_balloon.txt
data/text/abc hamas.txt
data/text/abc_santos.txt
data/text/nyp_santos.txt
data/text/fox_affirmative.txt
data/text/wsj_biden.txt
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