Introduction to Programing with Python

Module 06 - Functions

# Overview

In this assignment, you learn about how to you will learn about three common techniques for improving your scripts using functions, classes, and the separation of concerns programming pattern. Course assignments help you learn through reading, watching demonstrations, performing programming in Python, and reflecting on what you learned through writing.

This assignment includes the following tasks:

1. Read module text.
2. Watch the module videos.
3. Create a program
4. Document your knowledge.
5. Submit your work.

**Tip:** Consider the following questions while you work through the module to help you focus:

* What are functions?
* What are parameters?
* What are arguments?
* What is the difference between parameters and arguments?
* What are return values?
* What is the difference between a global and a local variable?
* How do you use functions to organize your code?
* What is the difference between a function and a class?
* How do you use classes to organize your functions?
* How do functions help you program using the “Separations of Concerns" pattern?

# Task 1: Read and Watch the Module Text and Videos.

Start the assignment by reading the module's text and watching the module's demonstration video. You will find both the text in the Mod-06 document and the link to the demo and lab videos on the Canvas Module page.

**Tip:** You do not need to watch the demonstration video's if their content was shown in the live sessions

# Task 2: Watch the assignment videos.

Please watch the following video, in addition to the videos and demonstrations you watched in the module.

* [Let's Learn Python - Basics #6 of 8 - Functions](https://youtu.be/qO4ZN5uZSVg?feature=shared) (external site)
* [Python Functions || Python Tutorial || Learn Python Programming](https://youtu.be/NE97ylAnrz4?feature=shared) (external site)

# Task 3: Read about module topics

Please read the following articles, in addition to the text you read in the module.

1. [Functions](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Functions) (external site)

# Task 4: Create a program

Create a Python program that demonstrates using constants, variables, and print statements to display a message about a student's registration for a Python course. This program is very similar to Assignment05, but **It adds the use of functions, classes, and using the separation of concerns pattern.**

**Note: Start by opening and reviewing the starter file Assignment06-Starter.py!**

## Acceptance Criteria

Your program must include the following features and code to be accepted as complete:

**File Name:**

* The file is named Assignment06.py

#### Script Header:

* The script header includes this text and has been updated with your name and the current date.

#### Constants:

* The constant **MENU: str** is set to the value:

---- Course Registration Program ----

Select from the following menu:

1. Register a Student for a Course

2. Show current data

3. Save data to a file

4. Exit the program

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* The constant **FILE\_NAME: str** is set to the value "Enrollments.json"
* Constants values do not change throughout the program.

#### Variables:

* **menu\_choice: str** is set to empty string.
* **students: list** : list is set to and empty list

**Classes:**

* The program includes a class named FileProcessor.
* The program includes a class named IO.
* All classes include descriptive document strings.

**Functions:**

* All functions include descriptive document strings.
* All functions with except blocks include calls to the function handling error messages.
* All functions use the @staticmethod decorator.
* The program includes functions with the following names and parameters:
  + output\_error\_messages(message: str, error: Exception = None)
  + output\_menu(menu: str)
  + input\_menu\_choice()
  + output\_student\_courses(student\_data: list)
  + input\_student\_data(student\_data: list)
  + read\_data\_from\_file(file\_name: str, student\_data: list):
  + write\_data\_to\_file(file\_name: str, student\_data: list):

#### Input / Output:

* On menu choice 1, the program prompts the user to enter the student's first name and last name, followed by the course name, using the input() function and stores the inputs in the respective variables.
* On menu choice 2, the presents a string by formatting the collected data using the print() function.
* Data collected for menu choice 1 is added to a two-dimensional list table (list of dictionaries).
* All data in the list is displayed when menu choice 2 is used.

**Processing**

* When the program starts, the contents of the "Enrollments.json" are automatically read into a two-dimensional list table (a list of dictionary rows). (**Tip:** Make sure to put some starting data into the file or you will get an error!)
* On menu choice 3, the program opens a file named "Enrollments.json" in write mode using the open() function. It writes the content of the students variable to the file using the dump() function, then file is closed using the close() method. Then displays what was stored in the file.
* On menu choice 4, the program ends.

**Error Handling**

* The program provides structured error handling when the file is read into the list of dictionary rows.
* The program provides structured error handling when the user enters a first name.
* The program provides structured error handling when the user enters a last name.
* The program provides structured error handling when the dictionary rows are written to the file.

**Test:**

* The program takes the user's input for a student's first, last name, and course name.
* The program displays the user's input for a student's first, last name, and course name.
* The program saves the user's input for a student's first, last name, and course name to a coma-separated string file. (check this in a simple text editor like notepad.)
* The program allows users to enter multiple registrations (first name, last name, course name).
* The program allows users to display multiple registrations (first name, last name, course name).
* The program allows users to save multiple registrations to a file (first name, last name, course name).
* The program runs correctly in both **PyCharm** **and** from the **console** **or terminal**.

**Source Control:**

* The script file and the knowledge document are hosted on a GitHub repository.
* A link to the repository is included in the knowledge document.
* A link to the repository is included in the GitHub links forum.

**NOTE:** The process and code needed to complete this assignment task is very similar to Modul06-Lab03!

# Task 5: Document your knowledge

After you have created and tested your Python program, create a document **describing the steps you took in performing this assignment**.

* All resources for this assignment are found in the lectures, recommended reading, or recordings specified in the class syllabus. You do not need to locate additional resources outside of these.
* **Your document must conform to my professional document template to get full points!** Use my example template and video, in the General Files and Topics module, as a guide for what I expect a professional paper to look like. Make sure you format it like a college paper instead of a text message. Things like your name, date, class, citations, introductory and summary paragraphs are always expected! So, **not putting these in the document will cost you!**  ([See this video for help](https://youtu.be/9ojhSW9ljjo)!)
* Please save your files as a PDF file called Assignment06\_YourNameHere.pdf. Here is an example from Google Docs, but it is similar in most text editors!

**Important**: Make sure to include an introduction and summary, as well as a heading. It does not have to be perfect, but you won't get credit for it if you turn in a simple blob of text! **watch this video** to help you understand what I am looking for: [Creating Professional Documents](https://youtu.be/9ojhSW9ljjo) and **see the examples** from other students posted in the  "**General Information and Helpful Tips**" module in Canvas.

# Task 6: Post your Files to GitHub

In this module, you need to **post** your files on a public **GitHub repository** so that others may review it. Please post **both your knowledge document and your Python script file**.

Once, you understand how it works, perform the following to **create** a repository for your code:

a. **Login** to <https://github.com> (*Make a new account if needed!*)

**Important: GitHub requires an email account for your login.** You may use a **new made-up email account** with a made-up name **if you are concerned about security**. If you need more safeguards than that, please talk to your instructor.

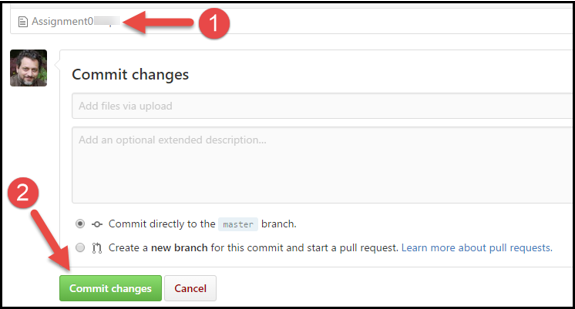
b. **Create a new** repository called **"*IntroToProg-Python-Mod06".***

c. **Upload** both of your files to the repository.

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d. **Commit** the changes to save your work.



# Task 7: Post a Link to GitHub

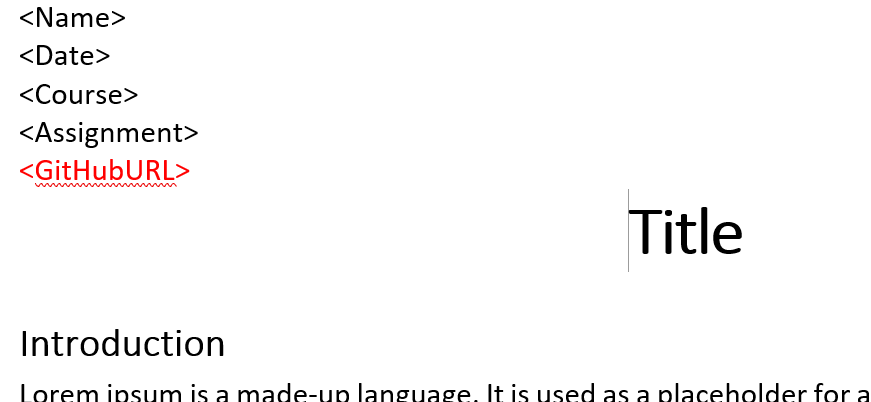
You will share your work using the Canvas discussion board. To do so, you must create a post with a link to your GitHub site. Other students will use this link to perform a peer review.

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***Important:***

* Post only on the special discussion board called "Assignment 06 Documents for Review!"
* Please copy and paste the URL for your new GitHub site into your MS Word knowledge document (Figure 2). This makes grading a lot easier and is a big help! Thanks!



# Task 8: Submit your work

Now place your document with the Python script into a folder named A06, then compress the folder into a ".zip" file, before finally uploading the file to the class assignment page on Canvas.

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# ****Notes:****

* Use the discussion board to request help on the assignment.
* The assignment can be completed using the lectures, assignment videos and reading, and module labs. You do not need to locate additional resources outside of the course material to complete it.
* If you are unfamiliar with Lorem Ipsum please see this link [What is Lorem Ipsum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lorem_ipsum) (external link)
* Please read this article if you are unsure how to zip a folder [How to Make a Zip File](https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Zip-File) (external link)
* See the  "**General Information and Helpful Tips**" module in Canvas for more help!

# Step 9 - Perform a Peer Review (Not Graded!)

After you have posted your link to GitHub and submitted your assignment, go to the "Assignment 05 Documents for Review!" discussion board and **select another student's post and review.** Follow the link they posted and review their files on GitHub. **This is an informal review** that **does** **not affect** either your or their **grade**. **Try to pick someone's link that has NOT been reviewed yet, even if you have to wait a few days for one to appear!**

NOTES

* **Post** your comments as a reply to their posting so the review will be nested under the other student's posting.
* **Make sure** to say two things that you liked about their work
* **Make sure** to say one thing that could make the work better

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Congratulations! You are done!