Class Project – Weather Processing App

This project will be marked out of 100 points, and is worth 40% of your final grade.

Develop an application with the following features:

Part 1 – Scraping		
Tasks	 Create a scrape_weather.py module with a WeatherScraper class inside. Use the Python HTMLParser class to scrape Winnipeg weather data (min, max & mean temperatures) from the Environment Canada website, from the current date, as far back in time as is available. http://climate.weather.gc.ca/climate_data/daily_data_e.html? StationID=27174&timeframe=2&StartYear=1840&EndYear=2018&Day=1&Year=2018&Month=5# Notice the year and month is encoded directly in the URL. Your code must automatically detect when no more weather data is available for scraping. In other words, you are not allowed to hard code the last available date into your program. You are also not allowed to fetch the last date from any dropdown menus on the site. You can try using a web browser to go back to the earliest available weather url. Then modify the date in the url to go back earlier, and see what happens. Use that knowledge to write your code in a way that detects when it can't go back any further in time. All scraping code should be self-contained inside the WeatherScraper class. There should be no scraping code anywhere else in the program. 	
Input	The starting URL to scrape, encoded with today's date.	
Output	A dictionary of dictionaries. For example: • daily_temps = {"Max": 12.0, "Min": 5.6, "Mean": 7.1} • weather = {"2018-06-01": daily_temps, "2018-06-02": daily_temps}	
Grading	30 points	

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	Part 2 - Database		
Tasks	 Create a db_operations.py module with a DBOperations class inside. Use the Python sqlite3 module to store the weather data in an SQLite database in the specified format. SQL queries to create and query the DB can be provided if required. The DB format for your reference: id -> integer, primary key, autoincrement sample_date -> text location -> text min_temp -> real max_temp -> real avg_temp -> real Create a method called fetch_data that will return the requested data for plotting. Create a method called save_data that will save new data to the DB, if it doesn't already exist (i.e. don't duplicate data). Create a method called initialize_db to initialize the DB if it doesn't already exist. Create a method called purge_data to purge all the data from the DB for when the program fetches all new weather data. Create a context manager module called dbcm.py with a DBCM class inside to manage the database connections. All database operations should be self contained in the DBOperations class. There should be no database code anywhere else in the program. 		
Input	Dictionary from WeatherScraper class.		
Output	A rows tuple containing DB records.		
Grading	20 points		

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	Part 3 - Plotting		
Tasks	 Create a plot_operations.py module with a PlotOperations class inside. Use Python matplotlib to create a basic boxplot of mean temperatures in a date range (year to year, ex. 2000 to 2020) supplied by the user: https://matplotlib.org/examples/pylab_examples/boxplot_demo.html In addition to the above box plot, display a line plot of a particular months mean temperature data, based on user input. For example, display all the daily mean temperatures from January 2020, with the x axis being the day, and the y axis being temperature. https://matplotlib.org/tutorials/introductory/pyplot.html#sphx-glr-tutorials-introductory-pyplot-py All plotting code should be self contained in the PlotOperations class. There should be no plotting code anywhere else in the program. 		
Input	 Be creative. One way is a dictionary of lists. For example: weather_data = {1: [1.1, 5.5, 6.2, 7.1], 2: [8.1, 5.4, 9.6, 4.7]} The dictionary key is the month: January = 1, February = 2 etc The data is all the mean temperatures for each day of that month, for every year desired (box plot), or just for a specific year (line plot). You'll need to do some data shuffling and organizing for this step to put 		
Output	the data in a format ready for plotting. A boxplot displaying one box per month, so it shows all 12 months of the year on one plot. Labels are automatically created from user input. Example: Monthly Temperature Distribution for: 2000 to 2017 Output Distribution for: 2000 to 2017 Distribution for: 2000 to		
Grading	15 points		

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Part 4 – User Interaction		
Tasks	 Create a weather_processor.py module with a WeatherProcessor class inside. When the program starts, present the user with a menu of choices. Allow the user to download a full set of weather data, or to update it. When updating, the program should check today's date and the latest date of weather available in the DB, and download what's missing between those two points, without duplicating any data. Allow the user to enter a year range of interest (from year, to year) to generate the box plot. Allow the user to enter a month and a year to generate the line plot. Use this class to launch and manage all the other tasks. All user interaction should be self contained in the WeatherProcessor class. There should be no user prompt type code anywhere else in the program. 	
Input	User supplies input.	
Output	Call the correct class methods to accomplish the tasks.	
Grading	20 points	

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Part 5 - Packaging		
Tasks	 Create a Windows package installer using Inno Setup, that allows a user to install your weather app on a Windows 10 computer. Include your own icon logo and license agreement as part of the installation process. 	
Input	Binary distribution created with the Python pyinstaller module.	
Output	Standalone exe installer package for Windows 10, clearly labeled and located so it's easy to find. Don't submit your entire exe build folder please.	
Grading	10 points	

Part 6 – Additional Requirements			
Tasks	 Code must adhere to the PEP8 standard, and will be checked with pylint. To install pylint: pip install pylint To use pylint: pylint myfile.py or python3 -m pylint myfile.py You must achieve a score of 8 or higher Code must be documented well for easy review and grading. At minimum: Module level docstring Class level docstring Function/method level docstring Every function/method needs to implement error handling. Errors should be logged to a log file using the python logging module. 		
Grading	5 points		

Part 7 – Bonus		
Tasks	 Create a nice user interface with wxPython for all user interaction. Label and align everything properly so it looks nice. The widgets should scale properly when the window is resized. You should be proud to show this to an employer. In other words, it should be functional, complete and aesthetically pleasing, not half-baked. The matplotlib charts can open in their own window, they don't need to be integrated into the UI. Implement threading in your application to speed up scraping. 	
Bonus	15 points (10 points for UI, 5 points for threading)	

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Total					
Points	Bonus	Maximum Possible Points			
100	15	115/100			

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