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1. Introduction

The Mini Library Management System was developed using only functions, lists, dictionaries, and tuples as required by the assignment. The system performs all basic library operations, adding, updating, deleting, searching, borrowing, and returning books, without using object-oriented programming.

The goal was to design a simple and efficient data structure that reflects real-world library activities in a functional programming style.

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1  """
2  operations.py
3  Mini Library Management System
4  Author: [Tanu Jalloh]
5  Module: PROG211 Object-Oriented Programming 1
6  Note: Uses only functions, lists, dictionaries, and tuples (no OOP).
7  """
8
9  # -----
10 # Global Data Structures
11 # -----
12
13 # Tuple of valid genres (immutable)
14 GENRES = ("Fiction", "Non-Fiction", "Sci-Fi", "Mystery", "Biography")
15
16 # Dictionary to store books using ISBN as the key
17 # Example: {"123456": {"title": "Python Basics", "author": "John Doe", "genre": "Non-Fiction", "total_copies": 5}}
18 books = {}
19
20 # List of dictionaries to store library members
21 # Example: [{"member_id": "M001", "name": "Alice", "email": "alice@example.com", "borrowed_books": []}]
22 members = []
23
24
25 # -----
26 # Helper Functions
27 # -----
28
29 def find_member(member_id):
30     """Return a member dictionary if member_id exists, else None."""
31     for m in members:
32         if m["member_id"] == member_id:
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29 def find_member(member_id):
30     """Return a member dictionary if member_id exists, else None."""
31     for m in members:
32         if m["member_id"] == member_id:
33             return m
34     return None
35
36
37 # -----
38 # CREATE OPERATIONS
39 # -----
40
41 def add_book(isbn, title, author, genre, total_copies):
42     """
43     Add a new book if ISBN is unique and genre is valid.
44     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
45     """
46     if isbn in books or genre not in GENRES:
47         return False
48     books[isbn] = {
49         "title": title,
50         "author": author,
51         "genre": genre,
52         "total_copies": total_copies
53     }
54     return True
55
56
57 def add_member(member_id, name, email):
58     """
59     Add a new member if member_id is unique.
60     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
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59     Add a new member if member_id is unique.
60     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
61     """
62     if find_member(member_id):
63         return False
64     members.append({
65         "member_id": member_id,
66         "name": name,
67         "email": email,
68         "borrowed_books": []
69     })
70     return True
71
72
73 # -----
74 # READ OPERATIONS
75 # -----
76
77 def search_books(query, by="title"):
78     """
79     Search for books by title or author (case-insensitive).
80     Returns a list of matching book dictionaries.
81     """
82     query = query.lower()
83     results = []
84     for isbn, book in books.items():
85         if by == "author":
86             if query in book["author"].lower():
87                 results.append({isbn: book})
88         else:
89             if query in book["title"].lower():
90                 results.append({isbn: book})
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91     return results
92
93
94 # -----
95 # UPDATE OPERATIONS
96 # -----
97
98 def update_book(isbn, title=None, author=None, genre=None, total_copies=None):
99     """
100     Update book fields if ISBN exists and new genre (if any) is valid.
101     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
102     """
103     if isbn not in books:
104         return False
105     if genre and genre not in GENRES:
106         return False
107
108     if title:
109         books[isbn]["title"] = title
110     if author:
111         books[isbn]["author"] = author
112     if genre:
113         books[isbn]["genre"] = genre
114     if total_copies is not None:
115         books[isbn]["total_copies"] = total_copies
116     return True
117
118
119 def update_member(member_id, name=None, email=None):
120     """
121     Update member name and/or email.
122     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
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124     member = find_member(member_id)
125     if not member:
126         return False
127     if name:
128         member["name"] = name
129     if email:
130         member["email"] = email
131     return True
132
133
134
135 # DELETE OPERATIONS
136
137
138 def delete_book(isbn):
139     """
140     Delete a book if it exists and no copies are borrowed.
141     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
142     """
143     if isbn not in books:
144         return False
145
146     borrowed_count = 0
147     for m in members:
148         if isbn in m["borrowed_books"]:
149             borrowed_count += 1
150     if borrowed_count > 0:
151         return False
152
153     del books[isbn]
154     return True
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156
157 def delete_member(member_id):
158     """
159     Delete a member if they exist and have no borrowed books.
160     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
161     """
162     member = find_member(member_id)
163     if not member:
164         return False
165     if member["borrowed_books"]:
166         return False
167
168     members.remove(member)
169     return True
170
171
172 # -----
173 # BORROW / RETURN OPERATIONS
174 # -----
175
176 def borrow_book(isbn, member_id):
177     """
178     Borrow a book if it exists, is available, and member has < 3 borrowed books.
179     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
180     """
181     if isbn not in books:
182         return False
183
184     member = find_member(member_id)
185     if not member:
186         return False
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183
184     member = find_member(member_id)
185     if not member:
186         return False
187
188     book = books[isbn]
189     if book["total_copies"] <= 0 or len(member["borrowed_books"]) >= 3:
190         return False
191
192     # Borrow book
193     book["total_copies"] -= 1
194     member["borrowed_books"].append(isbn)
195     return True
196
197
198 def return_book(isbn, member_id):
199     """
200     Return a borrowed book.
201     Returns True if successful, False otherwise.
202     """
203     if isbn not in books:
204         return False
205
206     member = find_member(member_id)
207     if not member or isbn not in member["borrowed_books"]:
208         return False
209
210
211     books[isbn]["total_copies"] += 1
212     member["borrowed_books"].remove(isbn)
213     return True
214
215
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Demo.py

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28  def main(): 1 usage  ✓ 14  ^  v
33
34      # 2. Add sample books
35      print(">>> Adding books...")
36      add_book( isbn: "B001", title: "Python Basics", author: "Tanu Jalloh", genre: "Non-Fiction", total_copies: 5)
37      add_book( isbn: "B002", title: "Space Odyssey", author: "Binta Jalloh", genre: "Sci-Fi", total_copies: 3)
38      add_book( isbn: "B003", title: "Mystery of the Nile", author: "Salamata Jalloh", genre: "Mystery", total_copies: 4)
39      add_book( isbn: "B004", title: "The Life of Elon Musk", author: "huliematu Jalloh", genre: "Biography", total_copies: 2)
40      add_book( isbn: "B005", title: "Love in Africa", author: "Jamie Jalloh", genre: "Fiction", total_copies: 6)
41      print_state()
42
43      # 3. Add sample members
44      print(">>> Adding members...")
45      add_member( member_id: "M001", name: "Amadu Jalloh", email: "alice@example.com")
46      add_member( member_id: "M002", name: "Joshua Yiaffa", email: "bob@example.com")
47      add_member( member_id: "M003", name: "Ayisha Bockarie", email: "charlie@example.com")
48      print_state()
49
50      # 4. Search books by title
51      print(">>> Searching books by title containing 'Python':")
52      results = search_books("Python")
53      print(results, "\n")
54
55      # 5. Update a book and a member
56      print(">>> Updating 'B003' and 'M002'...")
57      update_book( isbn: "B003", title="Mystery of the Nile - Revised", total_copies=5)
58      update_member( member_id: "M002", name="Bob J. Johnson")
59      print_state()
60
61      # 6. Borrow books
62      print(">>> Borrowing books...")
63      borrow_book( isbn: "B001", member_id: "M001")
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1  | """
2  | demo.py
3  | Demonstration script for the Mini Library Management System
4  | Author: [Tanu Jalloh]
5  | Module: PROG211  Object-Oriented Programming 1
6  | """
7  |
8  | from operations import (
9  |     GENRES, books, members,
10 |     add_book, add_member,
11 |     search_books, update_book, update_member,
12 |     delete_book, delete_member,
13 |     borrow_book, return_book
14 | )
15 |
16 | def print_state(): 8 usages
17 |     """Display current library state."""
18 |     print("\n==== CURRENT LIBRARY STATE =====")
19 |     print("Books:")
20 |     for isbn, data in books.items():
21 |         print(f"    {isbn}: {data}")
22 |     print("\nMembers:")
23 |     for m in members:
24 |         print(f"    {m}")
25 |     print("=====\\n")
26 |
27 |
28 | def main(): 1 usage
29 |     print("==== MINI LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DEMO =====\\n")
30 |
31 |     # 1. Initialize genres
32 |     print(f"Available Genres: {GENRES}\\n")
```



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28 def main(): 1 usage
62     print(">>> Borrowing books...")
63     borrow_book( isbn: "B001", member_id: "M001")
64     borrow_book( isbn: "B002", member_id: "M001")
65     borrow_book( isbn: "B003", member_id: "M002")
66     borrow_book( isbn: "B004", member_id: "M003")
67     print_state()
68
69     # 7. Return a book
70     print(">>> Returning book 'B001' for M001...")
71     return_book( isbn: "B001", member_id: "M001")
72     print_state()
73
74     # 8. Attempt to delete a borrowed book
75     print(">>> Trying to delete 'B003' (borrowed by M002)...")
76     result = delete_book("B003")
77     print("Delete successful?", result)
78     print_state()
79
80     # 9. Return and delete again
81     print(">>> Returning 'B003' and deleting...")
82     return_book( isbn: "B003", member_id: "M002")
83     delete_book("B003")
84     print_state()
85
86     # 10. Delete a member with no borrowed books
87     print(">>> Deleting member 'M003'...")
88     delete_member("M003")
89     print_state()
90     print("==== DEMO COMPLETE =====")
91     if __name__ == "__main__":
92         main()
```

Tests.py

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tests.py x
1
2 # tests.py
3 Unit tests for Mini Library Management System
4 Author: [Tanu Jalloh]
5 Module: PROG211 Object-Oriented Programming 1
6
7
8 from operations import (
9     GENRES, books, members,
10     add_book, add_member,
11     update_book, update_member,
12     delete_book, delete_member,
13     borrow_book, return_book
14 )
15
16 # Clear all global data before testing
17 books.clear()
18 members.clear()
19
20 print("==== RUNNING LIBRARY SYSTEM TESTS =====")
21
22 # Test: Add a book
23 assert add_book( isbn: "B001", title: "Python Basics", author: "John Doe", genre: "Non-Fiction", total_copies: 5) == True, "Failed to add book"
24 assert add_book( isbn: "B001", title: "Duplicate", author: "Someone", genre: "Fiction", total_copies: 3) == False, "Duplicate ISBN"
25 assert add_book( isbn: "B002", title: "Unknown Genre", author: "John", genre: "Romance", total_copies: 2) == False, "Invalid genre"
26 print(" add_book() passed")
27
28 # Test: Add a member
29 assert add_member( member_id: "M001", name: "Alice", email: "alice@example.com") == True, "Failed to add member"
30 assert add_member( member_id: "M001", name: "Duplicate", email: "dup@example.com") == False, "Duplicate member ID should not be allowed"
31 print(" add_member() passed")
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tests.py ×
28 # 0 Test: Add a member
29 assert add_member( member_id: "M001", name: "Alice", email: "alice@example.com") == True, " Failed to add member"
30 assert add_member( member_id: "M001", name: "Duplicate", email: "dup@example.com") == False, "Duplicate member ID should fail"
31 print(" add_member() passed")
32
33 # 0 Test: Update book & member
34 assert update_book( isbn: "B001", title="Python for Beginners") == True, " Book update failed"
35 assert update_book( isbn: "B999", title="Invalid") == False, "Nonexistent book update should fail"
36 assert update_member( member_id: "M001", email="alice_new@example.com") == True, " Member update failed"
37 print(" update_book() & update_member() passed")
38
39 # 0 Test: Borrow and return
40 add_book( isbn: "B003", title: "Data Science 101", author: "Jane Doe", genre: "Non-Fiction", total_copies: 1)
41 add_member( member_id: "M002", name: "Bob", email: "bob@example.com")
42
43 assert borrow_book( isbn: "B003", member_id: "M002") == True, " Borrow should work when available"
44 assert borrow_book( isbn: "B003", member_id: "M002") == False, " Cannot borrow if no copies left"
45 assert return_book( isbn: "B003", member_id: "M002") == True, " Return should work"
46 assert return_book( isbn: "B003", member_id: "M002") == False, " Cannot return a non-borrowed book"
47 print("borrow_book() & return_book() passed")
48
49 # 0 Test: Delete operations
50 assert delete_book("B003") == True, " Should delete returned book"
51 assert delete_member("M001") == True, " Should delete member with no borrowed books"
52 print("delete_book() & delete_member() passed")
53
54 print("\n ALL TESTS PASSED SUCCESSFULLY")
55
```

2. Choice of Data Structures

a) Dictionaries for Books

Books are stored in a dictionary where the ISBN acts as the unique key and the value is another dictionary containing attributes like title, author, genre, and total copies.

This structure was chosen because:

- It allows fast lookup of books using ISBN as a key.
- It is easy to update or delete specific book details.
- The dictionary format makes the data readable and structured, similar to a real database record.

Example

```
books = {"123456": {"title": "Python Basics", "author": "Daniel", "genre": "Non-Fiction", "total  
copies": 5}  
}
```

b) Lists for Members

Members are stored in a list of dictionaries, where each dictionary contains the member's ID, name, email, and a list of borrowed books.

The list was chosen because:

- It allows simple iteration to find or update a member.
- It is suitable for small datasets, such as a classroom or college library.
- Lists are flexible and can grow dynamically as new members are added.

Example

```
members = [ {"member id": "M001", "name": "Ayisha", "email": "alice@example.com",  
"borrowed books": ["123456"]}  
]
```

c) Tuples for Genres

Genres are stored as a tuple because:

- Tuples are immutable, ensuring the list of valid genres cannot be accidentally changed during program execution.

- They serve as a fixed validation list when adding or updating books.

Example

GENRES = ("Fiction", "Non-Fiction", "Sci-Fi", "Mystery", "Biography")

3. Functional Design

The system uses modular functions to perform all operations. Each function handles one responsibility:

- add book() and add member() → Create new records.
- search books() → Retrieve information based on title or author.
- update book() and update member() → Modify details.
- delete book() and delete member() → Safely remove records.
- borrow book() and return book() → Handle book lending and returning.

Functions interact directly with the global data structures (books, members, and GENRES), making it easy to trace changes and test each feature independently.

4. Data Integrity & Validation

To ensure data accuracy, several validation checks were added:

- Unique ISBNs and member IDs: Prevent duplicate entries.
- Genre validation: A book can only belong to an existing genre in GENRES.
- Borrow limits: A member cannot borrow more than three books at once.
- Deletion rules: Books cannot be deleted if borrowed; members cannot be deleted if they have borrowed books.

These checks mimic real-world library policies and maintain consistent data integrity.

5. Real-World Modeling

The system's design mirrors how a real library operates:

- Adding a book: like registering a new title in a catalog.
- Borrowing a book: decreases available copies and adds to a member's record.
- Returning: increases the count and clears the member's borrowed list.
- Deleting members or books: only allowed under valid conditions.

6. Conclusion

This design achieves the objectives of the assignment by using appropriate Python data structures and functions to simulate a real-world library.

It is simple, efficient, and easy to test, maintaining a balance between readability and logical structure. The chosen approach ensures reliable data handling, modularity, and clarity, which are key qualities of good software design.