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Introduction to Patch

The `unittest.mock.patch` callable is used to replace objects for a limited scope. The patch callable can be used as a context manager or callable decorator. Patches remain in effect for the life of the context manager or decorated callable.

Patches are commonly used during testing to replace external resources with alternate implementations.

Key Features of Patches

- Patches replace objects with `MagicMock` by default.
 - `AsyncMock` is used when decorating async callables.
- Patches can specify an object or callable as the replacement object.

The following is a basic demonstration of `unittest.mock.patch`. In this example the built-in `print` callable is replaced by a mock for the scope of the context manger.

```
1 from unittest.mock import patch
2 def greeter(name: str):
3     ''' A function used to demonstrate the use of the patch cal
4     print(f'Hello, {name}')
5     # Patch can be used as a context manager.
6     # The first argument is a target object to replace.
7     # The target is a str representing the package.module.object
8     with patch(f'builtins.print') as print_mock:
9         # The builtin print callable will be replaced inside this c
10        greeter('World')
11        # Inspect the mock version of the print callable and determ
12        # was provided with the expected input.
13        print_mock.assert_called_with('Hello, World')
```

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```
11 # Inspect the mock version of the print callable and dete
12 # was provided with the expected input.
13 print_mock.assert_called_with('Hello, World')
14 print_mock.assert_called_once()
15 # Outside the context manager print behaves normally.
16 greeter('World')
17 #####
18 print('No assertion errors')
```

Instructions

1. Locate and open the **playground.py** file using the IDE's Explorer/project pane.

PROJECT

cloudacademy

__init__.py

playground.py

2. Arrange the **playground.py** file to match the code above.

3. Run **playground.py** in the IDEs terminal pane: (Terminal > New Terminal)

```
1 python3 cloudacademy/playground.py
```

```
Hello, World
No assertion errors
```

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