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Workflow Assistant

Workflow Assistant contains functionality for automating repetitive workflow tasks. At the moment, this includes populating folder directories, unzipping password-protected .zip files (using 7-Zip), and editing .docx files (using a custom class, EditDocx, based on the python-docx library) -- editing functionality currently includes parsing tables/paragraphs, inserting/replacing text, inserting images, and finding/toggling checkboxes. Workflow Assistant contains a custom standalone GUI application using python's native tkinter library to automate an example of a specific workflow task (application.py) -- the application can be easily extended to include additional functionality and accommodate different workflow tasks. The application's dependencies are included in requirements.txt.

Requirements

- Python 3.11.1 (Download Here)
- 7-Zip (Download Here)
- OS: Windows 10

Installation

- 1. Download this repo
- 2. Edit config.json (update username, paths, and keys to reflect your project install)
- 3. Edit python path in application.bat (update path to reflect your python 3.11.1 install)

(optional)

- 4. Create .vbs shortcut (right-click on application.vbs > create shortcut)
- 5. Add icon to .vbs shortcut (right-click on application.vbs shortcut > properties > shortcut tab > change icon > browse > select icon.ico from application folder)
- 6. change shortcut target (right-click on application.vbs shortcut > properties > shortcut tab > prepend wscript to target -- see Stack Overflow Answer)
- 7. pin shortcut to taskbar (drag and drop application.vbs to taskbar)

Running the application

- Run the application by running *application.vbs* (double-click on application.vbs or application.vbs shortcut)
- application.vbs executes application.bat in a windowless shell -- application.bat automates the process of setting up the virtual environment needed to run application.py and then runs it with the appropriate python version.
- The first time running the application may take longer due to installation of project dependencies.