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Foundations of Python Programming

Assignment 07

https://github.com/pagh59258/IntroToProg-Python-Mod07

# Classes and Objects

## Introduction

On module 07, I acquired knowledge on some Python programming tools and techniques. With this new knowledge, I created a Python script very similar to the one I have developed in Module 06, but adding some extra techniques, such as: **the use of classes and objects.** 

## Reading Python 100 Module 07 notes.doc file

- Statements, Functions and Classes
  - o Objects vs. Classes
- Data Classes vs. Processing Classes
- Data Classes Components
  - Attributes
  - Constructors
  - The Self Keyword
- Adding Data Validation
  - o Private Attributes
  - Properties
  - Abstractions and Encapsulation
- Inherited Code
  - o Python's Magic Methods
  - o Overriding Methods
  - The Advantages of Inheritance
- Git vs GitHub
  - o Git
  - GitHub Desktop

## Performing Module 07 labs

Throughout the module, I was asked to apply the learned knowledge into some practice labs, such as:

- Mod07-Lab01-Working with Constructors
- Mod07-Lab02-Working with Class Properties
- Mod07-Lab03-Working with Inheritance

## Creating a Python script

I created a new file named Assignment07.py, which as the extension indicates, is a Python script. This Python script demonstrates using constants, variables, and print statements to display a message about a student's registration for a course. This program is very similar to Assignment06, but it adds the use of set of data classes.

### **Acceptance Criteria**

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

#### File Name:

• The file is named Assignment07.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

- The constant **FILE\_NAME: str** is set to the value "Enrollments.json"
- Constant 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.

- The program includes a class named <u>Person</u>.
- The program includes a class named <u>Student</u>.
- All classes include descriptive document strings.

#### **Class** Properties:

- The program includes properties for student\_first\_name: str and defaults to an empty string.
- The program includes properties for **student\_last\_name**: **str** and defaults to an empty string.
- The program includes properties for course\_name: str and defaults to an empty string.
- The program's properties must include simple validation code.

#### **Class Methods:**

• The program includes a method to extract comma separately data from each data class.

#### **Functions:**

- All functions include descriptive document strings.
- All functions the include exception blocks use the output\_error\_messages() function for handling error messages.
- All non-instance functions use the @staticmethod decorator (The ones in the FileProcessor and IO classes.)
- The program includes functions with the following names and parameters:
  - o output\_error\_messages(message: str, error: Exception = None)
  - output\_menu(menu: str)
  - o input\_menu\_choice()
  - o output\_student\_courses(student\_data: list)
  - input\_student\_data(student\_data: list)
  - read\_data\_from\_file(file\_name: str, student\_data: list):
  - o 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.
- Data collected for menu choice 1 is added to the **students** two-dimensional list of Student objects.
- On menu choice 2, the program uses the print() function to show a string of commaseparated values for each row collected in the **students** variable.

### **Processing**

- When the program starts, the contents of the "Enrollments.json" are automatically read into a two-dimensional list of dictionaries rows using the json.load() function. Next, it converts that data into a list of <u>Student object rows</u>. (**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. Next, it <u>converts</u> the data in the **students** variable (a list of Student object rows) into a list of <u>dictionary rows</u>, then writes the list of dictionary data into the file using the json.dump() function. Finally, it closes the file using the close() method.
- 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
  JSON file. (check this in PyCharm or a simple text editor like Notepad or TextEdit.)
- 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.

Here are some notes about this Python script:

- To avoid errors, we need to have some data already populated on the "Enrollments.json" file before starting script execution.
- A "While" loop is started
  - Function "IO.input\_menu\_choice" is invoked to display a menu with 4 options
    - Only accept options are 1, 2, 3 or 4. If any other option is entered, an error is shown and menu is displayed again;
    - Regarding Menu Option "1":
      - "IO.input\_student\_data" function is invoked
        - o Function does a critique to not allow invalid fields:
          - Student's first name cannot be numeric or blank;
          - Students' last name cannot be numeric or blank;
          - Course name cannot be blank.
      - Users are allowed to make several enrollments;
- Regarding Menu Option "2":
  - Function "IO.output\_current\_student\_data" is invoked
    - It displays current student registrations (including the ones not yet saved to the json file)
- Regarding Menu Option "3":
  - o Function "FileProcessor.write\_data\_to\_file" is invoked
    - Writes current student registrations to json file
    - Display list of student registrations saved
- Regarding Menu Option "4":
  - Function "IO.output\_check\_unsaved\_student\_data" is invoked
    - It checks if there is unsaved data and offer the user the option to save it or not;
    - Program is terminated

On Figure 1 below, we can see the initial Enrollment.json file (provided inside assignment zip file), must contain some data:

#### Figure 1: Enrollment.json initial file

On Figure 2 below, we can see the basic coding used for Script header, Import and constants & variables definition:

```
Assignment07.py × {} Enrollments.json
         import json
         MENU: str = '''
         ---- Course Registration Program ----
          Select from the following menu:
           1. Register a Student for a Course
            2. Show current data
           4. Exit the program
         FILE_NAME: str = "Enrollments.json"
         students: list = [] # a table of student data
         menu_choice: str # Hold the choice made by the user.
```

Figure 2: Assignment07.py Python script header, imports, constants and variables

On Figure 3 below, we can see Processing Layer – Person class:

```
Assignment07.py × () Enrollments.json
    Class Person: 1 usage
             def __init__(self, first_name: str = '', last_name: str = ''):
                 self.first_name = first_name
                self.last_name = last_name
             # Getter for the first_name property
             @property
             def first_name(self):
              return self.__first_name.title() # formatting code
             @first_name.setter
             def first_name(self, value: str):
                 if value.isalpha(): # is character
                    self.__first_name = value
```

```
# Getter for the last_name property

@property

def last_name(self):
    return self.__last_name.title() # formatting code

# Setter for the last_name property

@last_name.setter

def last_name(self, value: str):
    if value.isalpha(): # is character

    self.__last_name = value

else:
    raise ValueError("The last name should not contain numbers or be blank.")

# Override the __str__() method to return Person data

def __str__(self):
    return f'{self.first_name},{self.last_name}'
```

Figure 3: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python Person Class

On Figure 4 below, we can see Processing Layer – Student class:

```
class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, first_name: str = '', last_name: str = '', course_name: str = ''):
        super().__init__(first_name=first_name, last_name=last_name)
    @property 5 usages (3 dynamic)
    @course_name.setter 4 usages (3 dynamic)
        self.__course_name = value
        return f'{self.first_name}, {self.last_name}, {self.course_name}'
```

Figure 4: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python Student Class

On Figure 5 below, we can see the Data Layer – FileProcessor class – read\_data\_from\_file function:

```
def read_data_from_file(file_name: str):
   student_object = []
       file = open(file_name, "r")
       json_students = json.load(file)
       student_object = []
       student_object = [Student(first_name=student["FirstName"],
                                   course_name=student["CourseName"])
                          for student in json_students]
   except FileNotFoundError as e:
       IO.output_error_messages( message: "Text file must exist before\
       IO.output_error_messages( message: "There was a non-specific error!", e)
           file.close()
    return student_object
```

Figure 5: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python read\_data\_from\_file function

On Figure 6 below, we can see the Data Layer – FileProcessor class – write\_data\_to\_file function:

```
@staticmethod
def write_data_to_file(file_name: str, student_data: list):
    :param file_name: string data with name of file to write to
    try:
        file = open(file_name, "w")
       json_students_dict = []
        for student in student_data:
            json_students_dict.append({
                        "FirstName": student.first_name,
                        "LastName": student.last_name,
                        "CourseName": student.course_name})
        json.dump(json_students_dict, file,indent=2)
        file.close()
        IO.output_current_student_data(student_data=student_data)
        IO.output_error_messages( message: "Please check that the data is \
        a valid JSON format", e)
    except Exception as e:
        IO.output_error_messages( message: "There was a non-specific error!", e)
        if not file.closed:
            file.close()
```

Figure 6: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python write\_data\_to\_file function

On Figure 7 below, we can see the Presentation Layer – IO class – output\_error\_messages function:

```
class IO:
   @staticmethod
   def output_error_messages(message: str, error: Exception = None):
       print("-" * 65)
       print(message, end="\n\n")
```

Figure 7: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python output\_error\_messages function

On Figure 8 below, we can see the output\_menu function:

Figure 8: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python output\_menu function

On Figure 9 below, we can see the input\_menu\_choice function:

Figure 9: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python script input\_menu\_choice function

On Figure 10 below, we can see the input\_student\_data function:

Figure 10: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python script input\_student\_data function

On Figure 11 below, we can see the output\_current\_student\_data function:

```
@staticmethod 2 usages
def output_current_student_data(student_data: list):
       for student in student_data:
           print(student)
       print("-" * 65)
       print("IMPORTANT")
       IO.output_error_messages(e)
   except Exception as e:
       IO.output_error_messages( message: "There was a\
```

Figure 11: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python script output\_current\_student\_data function

On Figure 12 below, we can see the output\_check\_unsaved\_student\_data function:

```
@staticmethod 1 usage
def output_check_unsaved_student_data(file_name: str,student_data: list):
       rec_on_file = FileProcessor.read_data_from_file(file_name=FILE_NAME)
       if (len(student_data) != len(rec_on_file)):
           print("Warning: There are registrations not yet saved.")
           pend_save = input("Do you want to save the data? (y/n): ")
           if (pend_save == "y"):
               FileProcessor.write_data_to_file(file_name=FILE_NAME,)
                                                student_data=students)
               print("-" * 65)
                for row in student_data:
                    print(row.first_name, row.last_name, row.course_name)
               print("-" * 65)
   except ValueError as e:
       IO.output_error_messages(e)
   except Exception as e:
       IO.output_error_messages( message: "There was a non-specific error!", e)
```

Figure 12: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python script output\_check\_unsaved\_student\_data function

On Figure 13 below, we can see the Python script main body:

```
students = FileProcessor.read_data_from_file(file_name=FILE_NAME)
 IO.output_menu(menu=MENU)
   menu_choice = I0.input_menu_choice()
      students = IO.input_student_data(student_data=students)
   # ------ menu_option 2 - Show current data ------ #
   elif menu_choice == "2":
     IO.output_current_student_data(student_data=students)
   elif menu_choice == "3":
     FileProcessor.write_data_to_file(file_name=FILE_NAME,student_data=students)
   # - menu_option 4 - Check unsaved data and break loop to finish script -- #
   elif menu_choice == "4":
      IO.output_check_unsaved_student_data(file_name=FILE_NAME, student_data=students)
```

Figure 13: PyCharm – Assignment07.py Python script main body

Then I executed the script via PyCharm and via Windows command shell.

## **Executing script on PyCharm**

Figure 13 shown below displays the Assignment07.py Python script menu using PyCharm.

Figure 14: PyCharm – Assignment07.py script menu

Figure 15 shown below displays the critique if an invalid menu option is chosen (either alphabetic options or integers different from 1, 2, 3 or 4):

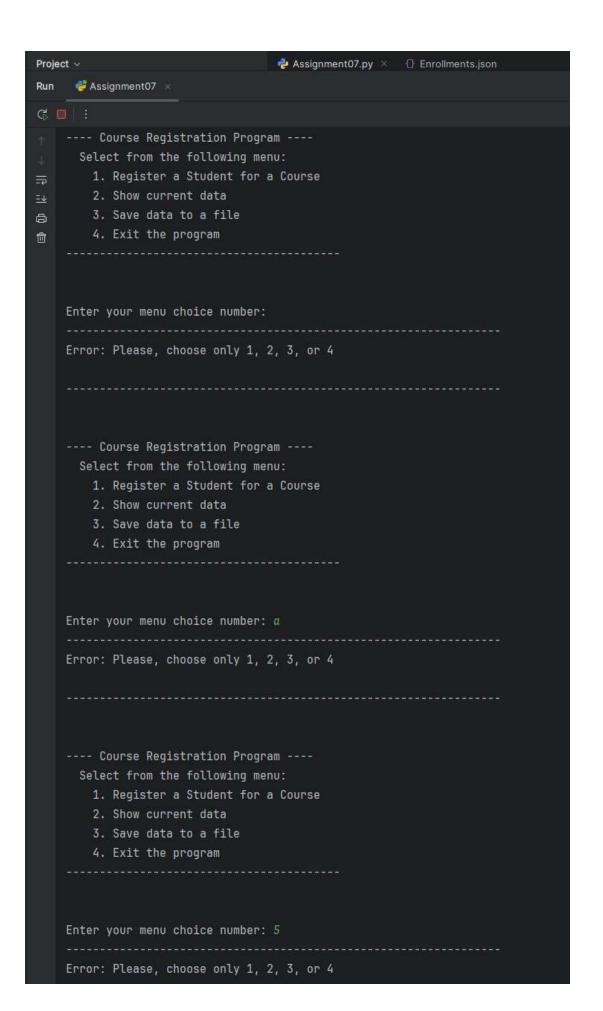
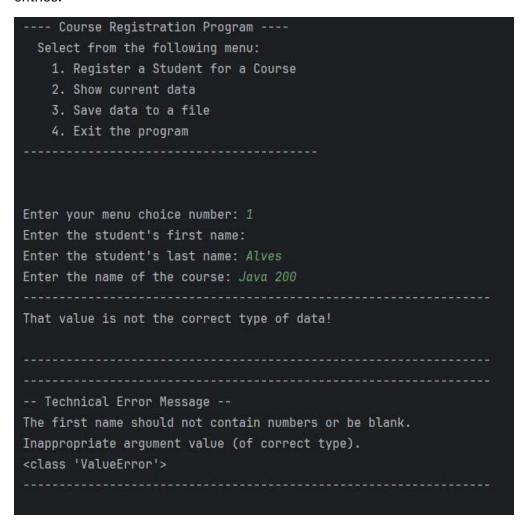


Figure 16 below shows error validation on Student's First and Last name and Course name invalid entries:



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	
Enter your menu choice number: 1	
Enter the student's first name: Paulo	
Enter the student's last name:	
Enter the name of the course: Java 200	
That value is not the correct type of data!	
Technical Error Message	
The last name should not contain numbers or b	oe blank.
Inappropriate argument value (of correct type	
<pre><class 'valueerror'=""></class></pre>	24(6.00)
CCCGSS VGCUELTION >	

```
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

Enter your menu choice number: 1
Enter the student's first name: Paulo
Enter the student's last name: Alves
Enter the name of the course:

That value is not the correct type of data!

-- Technical Error Message --
The course name should not be blank.
Inappropriate argument value (of correct type).

<class 'ValueError'>
```

Figure 16: PyCharm – Assignment07.py script validation on Student's First and Last name and Course name invalid entries

Figure 17 below shows a couple of valid registrations made via Menu Option 1:

```
---- Course Registration Program ----
  Select from the following menu:

    Register a Student for a Course

    Show current data
    3. Save data to a file
    4. Exit the program
Enter your menu choice number: 1
Enter the student's first name: Paulo
Enter the student's last name: Alves
Enter the name of the course: Java 200
You have enrolled Paulo Alves in course Java 200.
---- Course Registration Program ----
 Select from the following menu:
   1. Register a Student for a Course
   2. Show current data
   Save data to a file
   4. Exit the program
Enter your menu choice number: 1
Enter the student's first name: Samuel
Enter the student's last name: John
Enter the name of the course: Writing 101
```

Figure 17: PyCharm – Assignment07.py script shows a couple of valid registrations via menu option1

You have enrolled Samuel Jonh in course Writing 101.

Figure 18 shown below displays the output of Menu option 2, when the current data is shown:

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
Enter your menu choice number: 2
List of students currently registered for courses:
Bob, Smith, Python 100
Sue, Jones, Python 100
Paulo,Alves,Java 200
Samuel, Jonh, Writing 101
IMPORTANT
- Some of these registrations might not be yet saved
- Make sure you use save registrations before exit
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Figure 18: PyCharm – Assignment07.py script menu option 2 output showing current data

Figure 19 shown below displays the output of Menu option 3, when data is saved to JSON file and displayed:

```
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

Enter your menu choice number: 3

List of students currently registered for courses:

Bob, Smith, Python 100
Sue, Jones, Python 100
Paulo, Alves, Java 200
Samuel, Jonh, Writing 101

IMPORTANT
- Some of these registrations might not be yet saved
- Make sure you use save registrations before exit
```

Figure 19: PyCharm – Assignment07.py script menu options 3 output

Figure 20 shown below displays the menu options 4 (when there is pending data to be saved to file):

---- 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

Enter your menu choice number: 1
Enter the student's first name: John
Enter the student's last name: Doe
Enter the name of the course: Law 890

You have enrolled John Doe in course Law 890.

---- 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

Enter your menu choice number: 1
Enter the student's first name: Jenny
Enter the student's last name: Meyer
Enter the name of the course: Writing 200

You have enrolled Jenny Meyer in course Writing 200.

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
Enter your menu choice number: 4
Warning: There are registrations not yet saved.
Do you want to save the data? (y/n): y
List of students currently registered for courses:
Bob, Smith, Python 100
Sue, Jones, Python 100
Paulo, Alves, Java 200
Samuel, Jonh, Writing 101 John, Doe, Law 890
Jenny, Meyer, Writing 200
IMPORTANT
- Some of these registrations might not be yet saved
- Make sure you use save registrations before exit
Unsaved data was written to JSON file!
Bob Smith Python 100
Sue Jones Python 100
Paulo Alves Java 200
Samuel John Writing 101 John Doe Law 890
Jenny Meyer Writing 200
Process finished with exit code 0

Figure 20: PyCharm – Assignment07.py script menu option 4 output (when there is pending data)

Figure 21 shown below displays the menu option 4, which exits the program (and no pending enrollment):

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  Enter your menu choice number: 1 Enter the student's first name: Carl Enter the student's last name: Benning Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
2. Show current data 3. Save data to a file 4. Exit the program  Enter your menu choice number: 1 Enter the student's first name: Carl Enter the student's last name: Benning Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
3. Save data to a file 4. Exit the program  Enter your menu choice number: 1 Enter the student's first name: Carl Enter the student's last name: Benning Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
4. Exit the program  Enter your menu choice number: 1  Enter the student's first name: Carl  Enter the student's last name: Benning  Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
Enter your menu choice number: 1 Enter the student's first name: Carl Enter the student's last name: Benning Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
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Enter the student's first name: Carl Enter the student's last name: Benning Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
Enter the student's first name: Carl Enter the student's last name: Benning Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
Enter the student's first name: Carl Enter the student's last name: Benning Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
Enter the student's last name: Benning Enter the name of the course: Poetry 575  You have enrolled Carl Benning in course Poetry 575.
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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
Enter your menu choice number: 4
Warning: There are registrations not yet saved.
Do you want to save the data? ( $y/n$ ): $n$
Pending data were not saved to file!
Process finished with exit code 0

## Figure 21: PyCharm – Assignment07.py script menu option 4 with no pending enrollment

Figure 22 shown below displays the final content of the Enrollments.json file:

```
Assignment07.py
                   {} Enrollments.json ×
           "FirstName": "Bob",
           "LastName": "Smith",
           "CourseName": "Python 100"
         },
           "FirstName": "Sue",
           "LastName": "Jones",
        "CourseName": "Python 100"
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         },
           "FirstName": "Paulo",
           "LastName": "Alves",
           "CourseName": "Java 200"
         },
           "FirstName": "Samuel",
           "LastName": "Jonh",
           "CourseName": "Writing 101"
         },
           "FirstName": "John",
           "LastName": "Doe",
           "CourseName": "Law 890"
         },
           "FirstName": "Jenny",
           "LastName": "Meyer",
           "CourseName": "Writing 200"
```

Figure 22: PyCharm – Assignment07.py script – final content on Enrollment.json file

### Executing script on Windows command shell (cmd)

Figure 23 shown below, displays the successful execution of Assignment07.py Python script using Windows command shell (cmd).

```
-- 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
Enter your menu choice number: 1
Enter the student's first name: Milton
Enter the student's last name: Jansen
Enter the name of the course: Accounting 709
You have enrolled Milton Jansen in course Accounting 709.
---- 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
Enter your menu choice number: 2
List of students currently registered for courses:
Bob, Smith, Python 100
Sue, Jones, Python 100
Paulo, Alves, Java 200
Samuel, Jonh, Writing 101
John, Doe, Law 890
Jenny, Meyer, Writing 200
Milton, Jansen, Accounting 709
IMPORTANT
- Some of these registrations might not be yet saved
- Make sure you use save registrations before exit
```

```
- 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
Enter your menu choice number: 3
List of students currently registered for courses:
Bob, Smith, Python 100
Sue, Jones, Python 100
Paulo,Alves,Java 200
Samuel,Jonh,Writing 101
John, Doe, Law 890
Jenny, Meyer, Writing 200
Milton, Jansen, Accounting 709
IMPORTANT
- Some of these registrations might not be yet saved
- Make sure you use save registrations before exit
  -- 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
Enter your menu choice number: 4
```

Figure 23: Windows command shell (CMD) - Execution of Assignment07.py script

## **Summary**

The creation and execution of this third Python script was a great way to enhance my Python programming using some of the new knowledge I learned on Module 07, including **the use of data classes.**