DESCRIPTION:

The AttendanceSystem is a Python-based solution designed to manage employee attendance by recording clock-in and clock-out times using CSV files for storage. When the system starts, it first checks if the primary file (attendance.csv) exists. If not, it creates the file and writes the appropriate header row (including fields like Name, Time-in, Time-out, and Duration). It also initializes additional history files (edit_history.csv and delete_history.csv) intended to keep a log of any changes or deletions made later, ensuring that data modifications are traceable.

Once initialized, the system offers several core functionalities. For adding records, it prompts the user to enter their name. It then checks the existing records: if an entry exists for that name without a recorded clock-out time, the system interprets the action as clocking out, calculates the session's duration by determining the time difference from the recorded clock-in, and updates the record accordingly. If no such open record is found, the system records a new clock-in time.

In addition to adding records, users can list all existing attendance entries, which provides a comprehensive view of all clock-in and clock-out times along with calculated durations. For editing, the system allows a user to search for their records by name, choose a specific record, and update fields such as Name, Time-in, or Time-out. Any changes to time fields trigger a recalculation of the duration to ensure that the record reflects the correct elapsed time. Similarly, the deletion functionality enables a user to select and remove a specific record from the dataset.

The system operates through a menu-driven interface that continuously loops, prompting the user to choose an action from options such as clocking in/out, editing a record, listing records, deleting a record, or exiting the program. Each operation is accompanied by brief pauses to create a more user-friendly experience. Under the hood, the program leverages Python's built-in modules—csv for file operations, os for file management, time for creating delays, and datetime for timestamp handling—resulting in a robust yet straightforward attendance management system.

CODE:

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import csv
import time
import datetime

class AttendanceSystem:
   FILE_NAME = "attendance.csv"
   HISTORY_EDIT = "edit_history.csv"
   HISTORY_DELETE = "delete_history.csv"

   def __init__(self):
        self.init_file()

   def init_file(self):
        if not os.path.exists(self.FILE_NAME):
        print("Creating file...")
        time.sleep(2)
        print("File has been created.\n")
        time.sleep(2)

        with open(self_FILE_NAME, 'w', newline="") as f:
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with open(self.FILE_NAME, 'w', newline="") as f:
    writer = csv.DictWriter(f, fieldnames=["Name", "Time-in", "Time-out", "Duration"])
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print("\t3. List all Timestamp Records")
print("\t4. Delete A Timestamp Record")
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EXAMPLE OUTPUT:

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Creating file...
File has been created.

Welcome to Employee Clock System (Clock in and out)!

1. Clock-In/Clock-Out
2. Edit Timestamp
3. List all Timestamp Records
4. Delete A Timestamp Record
5. Exit

Enter your choice(1-5):
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Enter your choice(1-5): 1
Enter name: Vincent
Time-in recorded at 2025-03-16 20:09:05

Welcome to Employee Clock System (Clock in and out)!

1. Clock-In/Clock-Out
2. Edit Timestamp
3. List all Timestamp Records
4. Delete A Timestamp Record
5. Exit

Enter your choice(1-5): 1
Enter name: Vincent
Time-out recorded at 2025-03-16 20:09:19 | Duration: 0h 0m

Welcome to Employee Clock System (Clock in and out)!

1. Clock-In/Clock-Out
2. Edit Timestamp
3. List all Timestamp Records
4. Delete A Timestamp Record
5. Exit

Enter your choice(1-5):
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```
Welcome to Employee Clock System (Clock in and out)!

1. Clock-In/Clock-Out
2. Edit Timestamp
3. List all Timestamp Records
4. Delete A Timestamp Record
5. Exit

Enter your choice(1-5): 2
Enter your name for editing: Vincent
1: {'Name': 'Vincent', 'Time-in': '2025-03-16 20:09:05', 'Time-out': '2025-03-16 20:09:19', 'Duration': '0h Om'}
Enter a number to edit: 1
Select field to edit: 1-Name, 2-Time-in, 3-Time-out
Enter a field to edit: 1
Enter a new value for Name (current: Vincent): Viktor
Record Updated Successfully!
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Enter your choice(1-5): 3

Listing Records...

Name | Time-in | Time-out | Duration

Viktor: 2025-03-16 20:09:05 - 2025-03-16 20:09:19 | 0h 0m

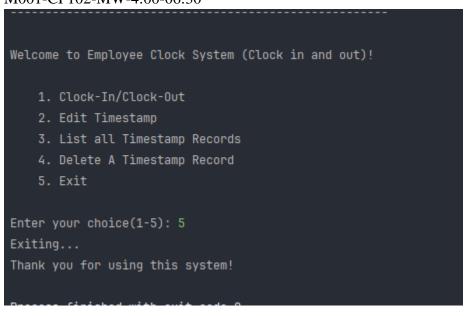
Welcome to Employee Clock System (Clock in and out)!

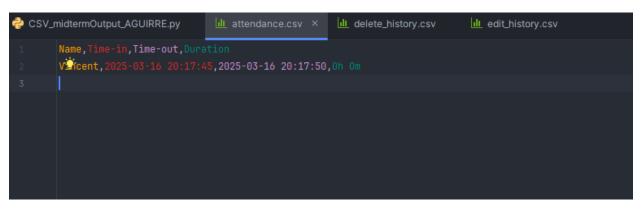
1. Clock-In/Clock-Out
2. Edit Timestamp
3. List all Timestamp Records
4. Delete A Timestamp Record
5. Exit

Enter your choice(1-5):
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Welcome to Employee Clock System (Clock in and out)!
   2. Edit Timestamp
   3. List all Timestamp Records
   4. Delete A Timestamp Record
   5. Exit
Enter your choice(1-5): 4
Enter the name for deletion: Vincent
No records for Vincent
Welcome to Employee Clock System (Clock in and out)!
   1. Clock-In/Clock-Out
   2. Edit Timestamp
   3. List all Timestamp Records
Enter your choice(1-5): 4
Enter the name for deletion: Viktor
Enter the record number for deletion: 1
Record deleted successfully!
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Timestamp,Name,Field Edited,Old Value,New Value
2 2025-03-16 20:18:34,Viktor,Name,Viktor,Vicentimus
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