

File Processing in Python

- In Python 3 text files contain **UNICODE** characters which is an ASCII superset;
- There **137,439 UNICODE** chars and only **128 ASCII** chars;
- UNICODE and ASCII chars are the same for the first 128 chars;
- In most of the cases UNICODE chars are encoded in UTF-8 or UTF-32
- **open()** returns a file object;
- `open('file_path', 'mode', encoding='enc_scheme')`
 - **Mode:**
 - r -> read only
 - w -> write only (if file exists it is overwritten)
 - a -> append (add at the end)
 - r+ -> read or write
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 - b -> binary mode
 - t -> text mode