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Coding Guidelines

Please feel free to code in your style and structure as there is no right or wrong approach, instead, we would like to see the way you structure code and approach the given problem.

We love to see your thought process. Try to keep the code talk itself, that is code should be like a newspaper to read :)

It should be quick and easy for us to verify that the input does indeed lead to the expected output.

What are we looking for?

- Try to write production-quality code as you work on real products, which means, naming conventions, coding style, pragmatic design approach and meaningful commenting.
- If possible, try to do it in TDD style, so writing unit tests is a good idea.
- We realize that writing even a trivial application, and having it "production ready" is a lot of work so it's okay to leave "ToDo" comments in your code. Show us the intent, but don't write too much boilerplate.
- Show that you're coding something that needs to be maintainable.

What are we not looking for?

- We do not expect you to build a user interface a command-line application or unit test is fine to show the result.
- We're not expecting you to have optimized the solution for performance or memory size readability is more important than performance.

Problem

We have an existing system for employees to submit booking requests for meetings. We want you to implement a new system for processing batches of booking requests.

<u>Input</u>

Your processing system must process input as text.

- The first line of the input text represents the company office hours, in 24-hour clock format
- The remainder of the input represents individual booking requests. Each booking request is in the following format.

[request submission time, in the format YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS]
[ARCH:employee id]
[meeting start time, in the format YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM] [ARCH:meeting duration in hours]

A sample text input follows, to be used in your solution.

Input

0900 1730
2020-08-17 10:17:06 EMP001
2020-08-21 09:00 2
2020-08-16 12:34:56 EMP002
2020-08-21 09:00 2
2020-08-16 09:28:23 EMP003
2020-08-22 14:00 2
2020-08-17 11:23:45 EMP004
2020-08-22 16:00 1
2020-08-15 17:29:12 EMP005
2020-08-21 16:00 3

Output

Your system must provide a successful booking calendar as output, with bookings being grouped chronologically by day. For the sample input displayed above, your system must provide the following output.

2020-08-21 09:00 11:00 EMP002 2020-08-22 14:00 16:00 EMP003 16:00 17:00 EMP004

Constraints

- No part of a meeting may fall outside office hours.
- Meetings may not overlap.
- The booking submission system only allows one submission at a time, so submission times are guaranteed to be unique.
- Bookings must be processed in the chronological order in which they were submitted.
- The ordering of booking submissions in the supplied input is not guaranteed.

Notes

- The current requirements make no provision for alerting users of failed bookings; it is up to the user to confirm that their booking was successful.

-	Although the system that you produce may open and parse a text file for input, this is not part of the requirements. As long as the input text is in the correct format, the method of input is up to the developer.