Assignment 6: Functions

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Abstract

Many a times the same code can be repeated several times in the script file. To avoid repetition,

the same code can be used once in a function definition and the function can be called several

times. Custom classes are written to create multiple instances of it and perform different

operations on the instances using functions.

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Assignment 6: Functions

Assignment 6 is the sixth coding assignment of the IT Fundamentals (IT FDN 110 A) course I am taking at University of Washington. The goal of this assignment is to help me understand the usage of functions and classes. Moreover, I will be re-organizing my code using functions in the assignment. This the <u>link</u> to my GitHub account for Assignment 06.

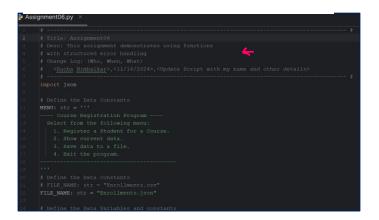
In this assignment, a Python script gives the user a menu of choices. It is an upgrade of Assignment 5 wherein we are performing similar tasks, but we are replacing the repeated code with functions.

Reflection

In this week, I learnt about functions. According to Professor Root, functions (or methods) help in reusing lines of code that are repeated multiple times in the script but perform the same function which can benefit everyone in the project team (2024). Furthermore, Professor Root also states that Classes can be used to store custom collection of data or process the data using functions (2024).

Program Summary

I began the program using the starter file provided for Assignment 6. I updated the file with my name in the script header change log. *Figure 1* Assignment 05 Update Script Header



According to Professor Root, there are three layers of a programming script:

- 1. Data
- 2. Processing
- 3. Presentation.

After studying using the notes provided for this module, I added sections Global Variables, Function and the main body in comment form in my program as shown in figure 2.

Figure 2 Assignment 06 reorganize code into sections

```
# Define the Data Constants

# MEXU: str = "''
---- 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.

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# Define the Data Constants
# FILE NAME: str = "Enrollments.csv"

FILE_NAME: str = "Enrollments.json"

# Define the Data Variables and constants
# Student_first_name: str = "' # Holds the first name of a student entered by the user.

# Student_first_name: str = "' # Holds the last name of a student entered by the user.

# Student_first_name: str = "' # Holds the name of a course entered by the user.

# Student_data; dict = {} # one row of student data
# Students_list = [] # a table of student data
# Students_list = [] # a table of student data
# Students_list = [] # Holds combined string data separated by a comma.
# Students_list = [] # Holds combined string data in a json format.
# Students_list = [] # Holds a reference to an opened file.
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I commented out the variables I won't be using in this assignment by adding a comment to them and then I added the functions using the "pass" keyword as a placeholder as I was not planning to start writing the definitions for the functions yet (please refer figure 3).

Figure 3 Assignment06 Commenting unused variables and adding function definitions using placeholder statement "pass"

When the program starts the contents of the file "Enrollments.json" are read into the students (two-dimensional list table) variable, so I started working on making adjustments to add code in the function definition for read_data_from_file() and adding a function call in the main body of the code for the same function (please refer to figure 4). I then moved the print (MENU) code statement to the output_menu(menu) function and updated the print statement parameter and function call in the main body of the code. (please refer to figure 5).

Figure 4 Assignment 06 Add function definition to read data from the file and then call the function

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# When the program starts, read the file data into a list of lists (table)
# Call function to extract the data from the file
students = read_data_from_file(file_name=FILE_NAME, student_data=students)
```

Figure 5 Assignment 06 Add function definition to display menu and then call the same function

```
# Present the current data
elif menu_choice == "2":
    #Call function to display student course
    output_student_courses(student_data=students)
    continue
```

I reorganized the code for the function input_student_data(student_data:list) as shown in figure 6. I added the function call for menu_choice "1". I made sure to test my code each time I re-organized the functions to make sure it was still working.

Figure 6 Assignment 06 Add function definition to accept user input and then add a function call in the main body under the if condition menu choice = "1"

```
# Input user data
if menu_choice == "1": # This will not work if it is an integer!
    students = input_student_data(student_data=students) #call function to accept new student data
    continue
```

I reorganized the code for the function input_menu_choice () and write_data_to_file(file_name : str , student_data :list). I added the function call for the former function after the output_menu(menu:str) function.

Figure 7 Assignment 06 Add function definition to accept user choice and call the function in main body after the function call output_menu(MENU).

```
def input_menu_choice(): 1 usage
    user_choice = input("What would you like to do: ")
    return user_choice
```

```
# Present the menu of choices
output_menu(MENU)
menu_choice=input_menu_choice() #call the function to accept user choice after displaying the menu_choice
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For the later function I added the function call in the if condition when menu_choice equals "3". I tested my code again to make sure it was working smoothly accepting user choice and saving(writing) data to the file.

Figure 8 Assignment 06 Add function definition to write data to the file and call the function in main body in the if condition for menu choice "3"

```
# Save the data to a file
elif menu_choice == "3":
    write_data_to_file(file_name=FILE_NAME, student_data=students)
    continue
```

I added the definition for output_error_messages(message:str, error:Exception = None) and made sure to add function call for this function in the exception handling sections in the input_student_data(), read_data_from_file() and write_data_to_file() functions.

Figure 9 Assignment 06 Add function definition to

output_error_messages(message:str,e:Exception) and call the function in each function's error/exception handling section

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#Functions -----
def output_error_messages(message:str , e:Exception): 5 usages
    print(message) # Prints the message
    print("-- Technical Error Message -- ")
    print(e) # Prints the custom message
    print(e.__doc__)
    print(e.__str__())
```

After that I started working on including the two classes in my program. Referring to the lab 03 code and class notes, I knew this was the important part of this assignement wherein I would process the data and present the data using the classes I created FileProcessor and IO. The FileProcessor class processes the data from the file (read data from the file and write data to the file) while the IO class presents (and works with) the data on the console(output menu, input the user choice, output student data and output error messages). I made sure to remove the spaces and reorganize my code by removing white spaces to make legible and systematic similar to lab 03 and adding docstrings to the functions by making sure I apply Separation of Concerns(SoC) before I took screenshots (please refer to figure 10).

Figure 10 Assignment 06 with SoC to make the code legible.

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# Processing

Class FileProcessor: 2 usages

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A collection of processing layer functions that work with Json files

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# When the program starts, read the file data into table

# Extract the data from the file

# Record from the Json file

# Staticmethod lusage

def read data from file(file name: str, student data: list):

""" This function reads data (student data) from the file (given file name)

Changelog: (Nho, Nhon, Nhat)

Ruchs Minibalise; 11.19.2024, Created function

:param file name: str containing the file name as the first parameter

:param student_data is list containing student data in USON format as the second parameter

return: student_data with the data read from the file

tty:

file = open(file_name, "t") # Open the file in read mode

student_data = json.load(file) # Load the file contents

# Sprint(student_data) #Usod this code statement while teating, this is not required for this assignment.

# For row in file.readlines():

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print(menu)

@staticmethod lusage
def imput_menu_choice():

""" This function accepts user choice

ChangeLog: (Who, When, What)
Ruchs Nimbalkar,11.19.2014, Created function

:return: str dats with user choice from the menu options

""" this function prints the current student data (first name, last name and course name) on the console

@staticmethod lusage
def output_student_courses(student_data:list):

""" This function prints the current student data (first name, last name and course name) on the console

ChangeLog: (Who, When, What)
Ruchs Nimbalkar,11.19.2024, Created function

:param student_data: list of JSON data (in key value format)

:return: None

"""

# Frocess the data to create and display a custom message
print("-" * 40)

for student in student_data:

print("-" * 40)

@staticmethod lusage

def input student data(student data:list):
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""" This function accepts Input of student data (first name, last name and course name) from the user

Changelogy (Nho, Nhon, Nhat)

Rucha Minhalkar, 11.19.2074, Created function

:param student_data: list of JSON data (in key value format)

:return: list data as student_data with user entered student information

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student_dict = {}

try:

student_first_name = input("Enter the student's first name: ")

if not student_first_name.isalpha():

raise ValueBrror("The first_name should not contain numbers.")

student_last_name input("Enter the student's last name: ")

if not student_last_name.isalpha():

raise ValueBrror("The last name should not contain numbers.")

ourse_name = input("Blease enter the name of the course: ")

student = ("FirstName": student_first_name,

"LastName": student_last_name,

"LastName": student_l
```

SoC is a design principle that makes the code readable (Root, 2024). I ran the code in PyCharm and in command terminal and it ran successfully (please refer to figures 11 and 12).

Figure 11 Assignment 06 Execution output in PyCharm console

Student Kichi Boo is enrolled in Philosophy Student Popoye Sailorman is enrolled in Fitness

Figure 12 Assignment 06 Execution output in command terminal

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Student Harry Potter is enrolled in DADA
Student Lily Potter is enrolled in Adv. Magic
                                                                                                                                                             - Course Registration Program -
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                                                                                                                                                             1. Register a Student for a Course.
   ::\Users\rucha\Documents\Fall 2024\Python\PythonLabs>Python Assignment06.py
                                                                                                                                                             2. Show current data.
                                                                                                                                                             3. Save data to a 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.
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                                                                                                                                                   What would you like to do: 3
                                                                                                                                                   The following data was saved to file!
                                                                                                                                                   Student Bob Smith is enrolled in Python 100
What would you like to do: 1
Enter the student's first name: Lily
Enter the student's last name: Potter
Please enter the name of the course: Adv. Magic
You have registered Lily Potter for Adv. Magic.
                                                                                                                                                   Student Sue Jones is enrolled in Python 100
                                                                                                                                                   Student Lily Zoo is enrolled in Python
Student Trick To is enrolled in C++
Student Tika Chu is enrolled in Pokemon
    --- 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.
                                                                                                                                                   Student Severus Snape is enrolled in Potions
Student Luna Lovegood is enrolled in Charms
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Student Tom Riddle is enrolled in Transfiguration
Student Archie Andrews is enrolled in Comedy
Student Kichi Boo is enrolled in Philosophy
Student Popoye Sailorman is enrolled in Fitness
Student Harry Potter is enrolled in DADA
Student Lily Potter is enrolled in Adv. Magic
 What would you like to do: 2
Student Bob Smith is enrolled in Python 100
Student Sue Jones is enrolled in Python 100
Student Lily Zoo is enrolled in Python
Student Trick To is enrolled in C++
Student Tika Chu is enrolled in Pokemon
Student Severus Snape is enrolled in Potions
Student Luna Lovegood is enrolled in Charms
Student Tom Riddle is enrolled in Transfiguration
Student Archie Andrews is enrolled in Comedy
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To verify if the student data was saved in the file, I opened the file and confirmed that the students were saved in "Enrollments.json" (please refer to figure 13 below).

Figure 13 Assignment 06 Data was saved in Enrollments.json file

```
{"FirstName": "Harry", "LastName": "Potter", "CourseName": "DADA"}, {"FirstName": "Lily", "LastName": "Potter", "CourseName": "Adv. Mac
```

Conclusion

This assignment helps me understand that re-organizing the code using functions and classes make the code readable and systematic. It helps other developers understand and read my code and it helps me in implementing modularity and reusability of code.

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