Match Branded Food Items to Common Food IDs

Project Description

This project was initiated based on a job found on Upwork. The job was to match two rows of information and return matching values. I used Python's pandas, and regular expression libraries to achieve the desired result.

Solution

To address this problem, the following steps were undertaken among many others:

- **1. Dataset Generation:** Generated 50 rows of sample data for a dataset and 20 rows of sample data for another dataset using ChatGPT to simulate the problem.
- **2. Data Import and Transformation**: Imported the two datasets from an Excel file into two pandas data frame.
- **3. Data Format Analysis**: Reviewed the provided data.
- 4. Function to Match Rows: Created functions for matching rows of data.
- 5. Save the Matched Rows Data: Saved the matched data into a CSV file.

Limitations

- 1. **Synthetic Data**: As the two datasets were generated using artificial intelligence, the data was synthetic.
- 2. **Small Datasets**: It's two very small datasets to only validate the logics.

Files

- 1. **TestDataset.xlsx**: Raw file.
- 2. **Match_Rows.ipynb**: Python cleaning script.
- 3. **branded_foods_with_common_ids.csv**: Matched CSV file generated by the Python script as a form of output.
- 4. Task Description.pdf: Details job description.
- 5. **Project Description**.pdf: Documenting the approach to come an solution.