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Lab 9 — Dictionaries & Tuples

COMP 150: Introduction to Programming

(100 points)

Brief Description

The goal of this lab is to assess your knowledge and skills on the concepts of string manipulations, file processing and dictionaries in Python, and to give you adequate support during the laboratory session so as to solidify your knowledge of the learnt concepts.

Problem Definitions

60 points You are to complete function countNumbers(fileName), by inserting the required block of code (DO NOT MODIFY OTHER GIVEN CODES). The function returns a dictionary of numbers and their respective frequencies enclosed in the given file "numbers.txt".

HINT – Solving the problem requires that you pass a fully-qualified file name (in our case "numbers.txt", since the file is in the same location as "lab9.py") of the file given to you (see attached zipped file) as argument and manipulating its content. A correct implementation will produce a table of pairs like the following (arranged in descending order of frequencies). A variation from these requirements will result in a 50% loss of the entire points.

Numbers	Counts
2	112
5	107
4	107
6	103
9	100
8	100
1	99
0	97
7	91
3	84

10 points Include a program design for your program.

5 points Document your program extensively.

25 points Develop a flow chart for function countNumbers(fileName) only – please refer to the example in my lecture notes.

***CHECK OFF - Ensure you show your working code to either the lab monitor or instructor before the end of lab session.