# I/O and File Handling

## Exercises

### Week 8

Which of the following represents a Python *f-string*?

1. "Hello {}, you have logged in".format(name)
2. "Hello {name}, you have logged in"
3. f"Hello {name}, you have logged in"
4. "Hello %s, you have logged in" % name

*Answer:*

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Given the following definition of value, what would each of the following statements display?

value = 10.768572

print(f"Value is {value}")

*Answer:*

Value is 10.768572

print(f"Value is {value \* 10}")

*Answer:*

Value is 107.68572

print(f"Value is {value:.2f}")

*Answer:*

Value is 10.76

print(f"Value is {value:16.2f}")

*Answer:*

Value is 10.76

print(f"Value is {value:0>16.2f}")

*Answer:*

Value is 0000000000010.77

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Within an *f-string* **format specifier** what does the ‘^’ alignment character signify?

*Answer:*

The ‘^’ alignment character signifies that the value should be centered.

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Write a statement which uses the str.format() to generate the same output as the following *f-string* statement -

print(f"pi to 5 decimal places is {math.pi:.5f}")

*Answer:*

Pi to 5 decimal places is 3.14159

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What would the following statement display?

print("Length = {1} Width = {0}".format(10,20))

*Answer:*

Length = 20 Width = 10

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What *exactly* would the following statement display?

print("Hello".rjust(10))

*Answer:*

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On which older programming language is the *%-formatting* style loosely based?

*Answer:*

In C programming language, the %-formatting style is loosely based.

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Write a Python program that uses a loop and the str.rjust() method to generate the following output.

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*Hint:* The program will start as follows

for n in range(10,0,-1):

line = "#" \* n

# rest of code....

*Answer:*

*for* n *in* range(10, 0, -1):

    line = "#" \* n

    print(line.rjust(10))

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What is the basic element that *all* computer files contain?

*Answer:*

All computer files contain binaries as the basic element.

What *function* must be called before the contents of a file can be accessed?

*Answer:*

open() function must be called before the contents of a file can be accessed.

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What *method* must be called on a file object once processing is complete?

*Answer:*

close() method must be called on a file object once the processing is complete.

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Following execution of the given statement, would the file ‘myfile.txt’ be open for *reading* or for *writing*?

f = open("myfile.txt")

*Answer:*

The file will be open for reading.

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Following execution of the given statement, would the file yourfile.txt be open for *reading* or for *writing*?

f2 = open("yourfile.txt", "w")

*Answer:*

The file would be open for writing.

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Following execution of the given statement, what would be the *mode of operation* applied to file gfxlib.so ?

f3 = open("gfxlib.so", "r+b")

*Answer:*

The given file would open in binary format.

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What is the difference between the two following method calls?

f.readline()

f.readlines()

*Answer:*

The first method call just reads the first line of the file as a string whereas the second method call reads all the lines of a file as a list.

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How much of the file content would be read with the following method call?

content = f.read()

*Answer:*

All the content of the file would be read with the given method call.

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If the variable ‘my\_file’ referred to a text file, what would the following code do?

for next in my\_file:

print(next)

*Answer:*

It would print the contents of the file prefixed by a newline character.

What is the issue with the following code? And how could it be fixed?

f = open("details.txt", "w")

total = 100

f.write(total)

f.close()

*Answer:*

The write method expects an argument in the string format but total here is an integer. To fix this issue, total can be converted to a string data-type and then be passed as an argument to the write method.

What is the purpose of the file tell() method?

*Answer:*

The tell() method is used for finding out the current position of the cursor.

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What does the following code do?

f.seek(0)

*Answer:*

The seek() method is used to bring the cursor back to the top as specified by the argument provided to it.

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Why is file handling often done using a ‘with’ statement as shown below?

with open("data.txt") as f:

lines = f.readlines()

*Answer:*

Because the with is a context manager and it automatically closes the file.

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