

# Assignment Title: Book Library Management System

## Objective:

Create a console-based Python application that simulates a small-scale book library system. The system should allow users to view available books, borrow and return books, and manage the library records through a text file.

## Topics Covered:

- Python Basics (variables, data types, input/output)
- Loops and Conditionals
- Functions
- File Handling
- Exception Handling

## Functional Requirements:

Your program must include the following features:

### 1. Main Menu Loop

Display options continuously until the user chooses to exit:

1. View Available Books
2. Borrow a Book
3. Return a Book
4. Add a New Book
5. Exit

### 2. View Available Books

- Read from a text file (e.g., `library.txt`) and display books that are available.
- Each book should have:  
`Book ID | Title | Author | Status (Available/Borrowed)`

### 3. Borrow a Book

- Ask the user for a Book ID.
- Check if the book is available.
- Mark it as "Borrowed" in the file.
- Handle errors: invalid Book ID, already borrowed, etc.

### 4. Return a Book

- Ask the user for a Book ID.
- Mark it as "Available" in the file.
- Handle errors: invalid Book ID, already returned, etc.

### 5. Add a New Book

- Ask the user for Book ID, Title, and Author.
- Add the book to the file with status "Available".
- Handle duplicate Book IDs relevantly.

### File Structure (library.txt) Example:

```
101|The Great Gatsby|F.Scott Fitzgerald|Available
102|1984|George Orwell|Borrowed
103|Pride and Prejudice|Jane Austen|Available
```

## Technical Requirements:

- Use **functions** for modularity (`add_book()`, `borrow_book()`, etc.)
- Use **loops** to manage the menu system
- Use **conditionals** for decision making
- Implement **file handling** to read/write book data
- Use **exception handling** to manage invalid inputs and file errors
  - Invalid input
  - File not found or corrupted data

## Submission Requirements:

- Python `.py` file (well-commented)
- Sample `library.txt` file with at least 10 - 15 books
- Readme or comment file explaining how to run the program

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## Evaluation Criteria:

Criterion	Marks
Functional Correctness	30
Code Organization (Functions, Loops, Conditionals)	20
File Handling Accuracy	15
Exception Handling	15
User Interface and Usability	10
Code Comments and Clarity	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>