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DESIGN RATIONALE FOR MINI LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

For the Mini Library Management System assignment, I carefully selected data structures to ensure an efficient, functional, and maintainable Python implementation. This rationale explains the choices of a dictionary for 'books', a list for 'members', and a tuple for 'genres', reflecting the collaborative design process with guidance to meet the assignment's objectives.

I chose a dictionary for the 'books' data structure because it provides an optimal solution for managing a collection of books with unique identifiers. The ISBN serves as the key, enabling fast and direct access to book details such as title, author, genre, and total_copies. This structure aligns with the requirement to perform quick lookups, updates, and deletions, as seen in functions like `add_book()`, `search_book()`, and `delete_book()`. The dictionary's key-value pair system ensures that no duplicate ISBNs are stored, maintaining data integrity, which is critical for a library system where each book must be uniquely identifiable. This choice supports the CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete) efficiently, fulfilling 25 marks of the assessment criteria.

For the 'members' data structure, I opted for a list because it offers flexibility and simplicity in managing a dynamic group of library users. Each member is represented as a dictionary within the list, containing attributes like `member_id`, `name`, `email`, and `borrowed_books`. This structure allows easy addition or removal of members via `add_member()` and supports borrowing and returning operations through `borrow_book()` and `return_book()`. The list's sequential nature is ideal for iterating over members to check borrowing limits or validate returns, as required by the assignment.

I selected a tuple for the 'genres' data structure because it provides an immutable, fixed set of valid genres ('Fiction', 'Non-Fiction', 'Sci-Fi', 'Anime'). This immutability ensures that the genre list cannot be accidentally modified during program execution,

which is essential for maintaining consistency when validating new book entries or updates in `add_book()` and `update_book()`. The tuple's stability supports the assignment's requirement for a predefined set of genres. Including 'Anime' as an additional genre reflects a creative extension to the original set, enhancing the system's versatility.

These data structure choices collectively enable a robust library management system. The dictionary ensures efficient book management, the list supports flexible member handling, and the tuple guarantees genre stability. Together, they facilitate all core functions and align with the UML diagram, creating a cohesive solution that meets the assignment's total. This design reflects a thoughtful approach to balancing performance, readability, and adherence to the project brief.

testing

```
1 import operations
2
3 # Reset data for testing
4 operations.books = {}
5 operations.members = []
6 operations.genres = ('Fiction', 'Non-Fiction', 'Sci-Fi')
7
8 # Test 1: Add a book successfully
9 operations.add_book("123", "Harry Potter", "JK Rowling", "Fiction", 3)
10 assert "123" in operations.books, "Test 1 Failed: Book not added!"
11
12 # Test 2: Borrow when no copies left fails
13 operations.add_book("124", "1984", "George Orwell", "Non-Fiction", 0)
14 assert operations.borrow_book("124", 1) == "No copies available!", "Test 2 Failed: Should not allow borrowing!"
15
16 # Test 3: Add a member successfully
17 operations.add_member(1, "John Doe", "john@example.com")
18 assert any(m['member_id'] == 1 for m in operations.members), "Test 3 Failed: Member not added!"
19
20 # Test 4: Borrow with 3-book limit fails
21 operations.add_book("125", "Dune", "Frank Herbert", "Sci-Fi", 4)
22 operations.add_member(2, "Jane Smith", "jane@example.com")
23 operations.borrow_book("125", 2)
24 operations.borrow_book("125", 2)
25 operations.borrow_book("125", 2)
26 assert operations.borrow_book("125", 2) == "Member has reached the borrowing limit (3 books)!", "Test 4 Failed: Should respect 3-book limit!"
27
28 # Test 5: Return a book updates copies
29 operations.borrow_book("123", 1)
30 operations.return_book("123", 1)
31 assert operations.books["123"]["total_copies"] == 3, "Test 5 Failed: Copy count not updated after return!"
32
33
```

operation

```
1 books = {}
2 members = []
3 genres = ('Fiction', 'Non-Fiction', 'Sci-Fi', 'Mime')
4
5
6 def add_book(isbn, title, author, genre, total_copies):
7     if isbn in books:
8         return "Book already exists!"
9     if genre not in genres:
10        return "Invalid genre!"
11    if total_copies < 0:
12        return "Total copies cannot be negative!"
13    books[isbn] = {'title': title, 'author': author, 'genre': genre, 'total_copies': total_copies}
14    return "Book added successfully!"
15
16 def add_member(member_id, name, email):
17     for member in members:
18         if member['member_id'] == member_id:
19             return "Member ID already exists!"
20     members.append({'member_id': member_id, 'name': name, 'email': email, 'borrowed_books': []})
21     return "Member added successfully!"
22
23 def search_book(keyword):
24     results = []
25     for isbn, details in books.items():
26         if keyword.lower() in details['title'].lower() or keyword.lower() in details['author'].lower():
27             results.append({'isbn': isbn, 'title': details['title'], 'author': details['author'], 'genre': details['genre'], 'total_copies': details['total_copies']})
28     return results if results else "No books found!"
29
30 def update_book(isbn, **details):
31     if isbn not in books:
32         return "Book not found!"
33     if 'genre' in details and details['genre'] not in genres:
34         return "Invalid genre!"
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```
1 import operations
2 
3 # Add books
4 print(operations.add_book("123", "Harry Potter", "JK Rowling", "Fiction", 3))
5 print(operations.add_book("124", "1984", "George Orwell", "Non-Fiction", 2))
6 
7 # Add members
8 print(operations.add_member(1, "John Doe", "john@example.com"))
9 print(operations.add_member(2, "Jane Smith", "jane@example.com"))
10 
11 # Borrow books
12 print(operations.borrow_book("123", 1)) # Should work
13 print(operations.borrow_book("124", 1)) # Should work
14 print(operations.borrow_book("124", 1)) # Error: No copies left
15 
16 # Search for a book
17 print(operations.search_book("Harry"))
18 
19 # Update a book
20 print(operations.update_book("123", title="Harry Potter Updated"))
21 
22 # Return a book
23 print(operations.return_book("123", 1)) # Should work
24 
25 # Delete a book
26 print(operations.delete_book("123")) # Should work after return
27 print(operations.delete_book("125")) # Error: Book not found
28 
29 # Try to borrow with max limit
30 print(operations.borrow_book("123", 1)) # Should work
31 print(operations.borrow_book("124", 1)) # Should fail: 3 books limit
```