Python Practice

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Review Special Characters

Exercice 1. Link special characters with their definition. (Answers on the last page)

Special Characters	Definition
`\`	A new line or line breaker
`\t`	A carriage return
`\n`	A separator using a tabulation
`\r`	A way to use quotes in the string
`#`	An escape Character
`\r\n`	Comment - python will ignore everything after
`"""`	A carriage return followed by the end-of-line (Window system)
`''` or `""`	A list, a sequence of strings
`[]`	A string, a sequence of characters

File Handling Review

Exercice 2. Complete blanks (See Answers section)

To open a text file: `file = open("hello.txt", "______")`

To read a text file: `file.__________()`

To read one line at a time: `file.__________()`

To read a list of lines: `file.__________()`

To write to a file: `file = open("hello.txt","_______") file.____________("Hello World")`

To close a file: `file.__________()`

Module and Packages

Installing packages - https://packaging.python.org/tutorials/installing-packages/

Importing modules from packages - https://www.learnpython.org/en/Modules_and_Packages

Web Scraping Workflow

Source - DataCamp - https://campus.datacamp.com/courses/importing-data-in-python-part-2/

Workflow for GET requests using urllib:

- Import the necessary functions # from urllib.request import urlopen, Request
- Specify the URL # url = 'https://www.wikipedia.org/'
- Package the GET request # request = Request(url)

- Send the request and catch the response # response = urlopen(request)
- Return the HTML as a string # html = response.read()
- Close the response # response.close()

Workflow for GET requests using the package requests (one of the most downloaded Python packages):

- Import the package requests # import requests
- Specify the URL # url = ‘https://www.wikipedia.org/’
- Package + send the request, catch response # response = requests.get(url)
- Return the HTML as a string # html = response.text

Workflow for BeautifulSoup (parse and extract structured data from HTML):

- from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
- import requests
- url = ‘https://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup/’
- r = requests.get(url)
- html_doc = r.text
- soup = BeautifulSoup(html_doc)

Answers

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To close a file: `file.close()`