

Exercise Sheet 10 Solutions – Regular Expressions

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Exercise 1: Requests

File: bookreview.py

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import re
import os
import sys
import time

import parse
import requests

def write_file(content, filename):
    # This assures that the 'books' directory exists, not part of the sheet.
    try:
        os.makedirs('books', 0o755)
    except OSError:
        pass

    with open(os.path.join('books', filename), 'w') as file_handle:
        file_handle.write(content)

def download(id):
    # Bonus task: measure time. Start time.
    download_time = time.time()

    res = requests.get('https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/{id}/pg{id}.txt'
                       .format(id=id))

    # Bonus task: measure time. End time.
    download_time = time.time() - download_time
    return res.text, download_time
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def save_book(text, author, title):
    write_file(text, '{}-{}.txt'.format(author, title))

def save_counts(words, counts, author, title):
    text = '\n'.join('{} {}'.format(w, c) for w, c in zip(words, counts))
    write_file(text, '{}-{}-words.csv'.format(author, title))

def save_sentences(sentences, author, title):
    text = '\n\n'.join(sentences)
    write_file(text, '{}-{}-sentences.txt'.format(author, title))

def strip_book_meta(text, title):
    tpl = '*** {} OF THIS PROJECT GUTENBERG EBOOK {} ***'

    start = tpl.format('START', title.upper())
    end = tpl.format('END', title.upper())

    idx_start = text.index(start) + len(start)
    idx_end = text.index(end)

    book_content = text[idx_start:idx_end]

    return book_content

def get_words(filename='wordlist.txt'):
    with open(filename) as file_handle:
        return file_handle.read().splitlines()

def find_sentences(content):
    words = get_words()
    counts = []
    sentences = []

    for word in words:
        results = re.findall(r'[\^.!?]*\b{}\b[\^.!?]*[.!?}'.format(word),
                             content, re.DOTALL | re.IGNORECASE)

        if results:
            counts.append(len(results))
            sentences.append(results[0])

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        else:
            counts.append(0)
            sentences.append('')

    return words, counts, sentences

def get_meta(text):
    pglines = text.splitlines()[0]
    result = parse.parse(
        '\uffffThe Project Gutenberg EBook of {title}, by {author}',
        pglines)
    return result['author'], result['title']

def print_info(id, author, title, download_time, words, counts, sentences):
    print('Downloaded {}, {}: {}, in {:.3f} s.'.format(id, author, title,
                                                    download_time))

    print('\nThe word counts are:')
    for word, count in zip(words, counts):
        print('  {}: <8}{: >4}'.format(word, count))

    print('\nSome example sentences:\n')
    count = 0
    for sentence in sentences:
        if sentence:
            count += 1
            print(sentence + '\n')
        if count >= 2:
            break

def main():
    # Bonus task: Read ID from command line arguments.
    pgid = sys.argv[1]
    full_text, download_time = download(pgid)

    author, title = get_meta(full_text)

    book_content = strip_book_meta(full_text, title)

    words, counts, sentences = find_sentences(book_content)

    save_book(full_text, author, title)
    save_counts(words, counts, author, title)

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save_sentences(sentences, author, title)

print_info(pgid, author, title, download_time, words, counts, sentences)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
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Output:

Downloaded 1228, Charles Darwin: On the Origin of Species, in 2.009 s.

The word counts are:

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|--------|-----|
| he | 120 |
| she | 18 |
| love | 3 |
| live | 29 |
| hate | 0 |
| food | 48 |
| body | 34 |
| wise | 0 |
| plant | 59 |
| rich | 5 |
| legend | 0 |

Some example sentences:

Last year he sent to me a memoir on this subject, with a request that I would forward it to Sir Charles Lyell, who sent it to the Linnean Society, and it is published in the third volume of the Journal of that Society.

She can act on every internal organ, on every shade of constitutional difference, on the whole machinery of life.

File: Charles Darwin-On the Origin of Species-words.csv

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live, 29
hate, 0
food, 48
body, 34
wise, 0
plant, 59
rich, 5
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legend, 0

File: Charles Darwin-On the Origin of Species-sentences.txt

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It may be difficult, but we ought to admire the savage instinctive hatred of the queen-bee, which urges her instantly to destroy the young queens her daughters as soon as born, or to perish herself in the combat; for undoubtedly this is for the good of the community; and maternal love or maternal hatred, though the latter fortunately is most rare, is all the same to the inexorable principle of natural selection.

No one ought to feel surprise at much remaining as yet unexplained in regard to the origin of species and varieties, if he makes due allowance for our profound ignorance in regard to the mutual relations of all the beings which live around us.

Naturalists continually refer to external conditions, such as climate, food, etc.

If it could be shown that our domestic varieties manifested a strong tendency to reversion,--that is, to lose their acquired characters, whilst kept under unchanged conditions, and whilst kept in a considerable body, so that free intercrossing might check, by blending together, any slight deviations of structure, in such case, I grant that we could deduce nothing from domestic varieties in regard to species.

In the case of the misseltoe, which draws its nourishment from certain trees, which has seeds that must be transported by certain birds, and which has flowers with separate sexes absolutely requiring the agency of certain insects to bring pollen from one flower to the other, it is equally preposterous

to account for the structure of this parasite, with its relations to several distinct organic beings, by the effects of external conditions, or of habit, or of the volition of the plant itself.

It is not that these countries, so rich in species, do not by a strange chance possess the aboriginal stocks of any useful plants, but that the native plants have not been improved by continued selection up to a standard of perfection comparable with that given to the plants in countries anciently civilised.