Lecture 7: Midway Recap and Midterm Prep



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I didn't mean for you to write the **get_choice()** function -- oops! But, here is the sample output, and it should be straightforward to figure out how to write the function:

Please choose an option below: P: Print friend list A: Add a friend U: Unfriend someone Q: Quit Your selection? (P/A/U/Q): p

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4      Unfriend someone, and Quit
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6    """
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 5
       .....
 6
       print("Please choose an option below:")
       print("\tP: Print a friend list")
 8
       print("\tA: Add a friend")
 9
       print("\tU: Unfriend Someone")
10
11
       print("\tQ: Quit")
12
       choice = ''
13
       while choice not in ['p', 'a', 'u', 'q']:
14
           choice = input("Your selection? (P/A/U/Q): ").lower()
       return choice
15
```

- The '\t' means "tab" (you could have put a couple of spaces)
- It is nice to let the user put upper- or lowercase letters, so we just convert the choice to lowercase using the string's **.lower()** function.

• Here is the **read_friends** () docstring:

```
1 def read friends(filename):
 2
 3
       Reads in a Dwarf Facebook list from filename. Returns a dict,
       with each dwarf as the keys, and a list of dwarfs as the value,
 4
       representing the dwarf's friends.
 5
       The file should be formatted as follows:
 6
                                                          We need to read in the space
       dwarf name1 friend1 friend2 friend3 ...
 8
                                                          separated words, with the first as
       dwarf name2 friend1 friend2 friend3 ...
 9
10
                                                          the key and the rest as the
       . . .
11
                                                          friends.
12
       The names will be space-separated.
13
14
       A particular Dwarf's dict key/value might look like this:
       dwarf friends = {
15
           'Happy': ['Dopey', 'Bashful', 'Sneezy', 'Sleepy', 'Doc', 'Grumpy'],
16
17
       }
18
19
       :param filename: The file name of the file to read from
       :return: A dict of dwarf friends
20
       .....
21
22
       database = {}
23
       try:
24
           with open(filename, "r") as f:
25
               pass
26
           return database
27
       except FileNotFoundError:
           print(f"Could not open the database file, '{filename}'")
28
29
           return None
```

```
1 def read friends(filename):
       database = {}
 2
 3
       try:
           with open(filename, "r") as f:
 4
               for line in f:
 5
                   line = line[:-1] # remove newline
 6
                   dwarfs = line.split(' ') # space separated
                   database[dwarfs[0]] = dwarfs[1:] # add first as key, rest as friends
 8
 9
           return database
10
       except FileNotFoundError:
           print(f"Could not open the database file, '{filename}'")
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```

- Use slices when you can!
- Use the string's .split() method when you have data that is separated by a particular character
- Know how to add to a dictionary:
 - d[key] = value

• The print_friends () function:

```
1 def print friends(friend database, dwarf):
 2
       Prints out the friends for a particular dwarf from friend database. The list
 3
       should print as follows, for example:
 4
       Happy, your friends are:
 5
 6
       Dopey
       Bashful
       Sneezy
 8
 9
       Sleepy
10
       Doc
11
       Grumpy
12
13
       :param friend database The database of friends
14
       :param dwarf: The dwarf whose friends will get printed
15
       :return: True if the dwarf is in the database, False otherwise
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16
17
       pass
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16
17
       print(f"{dwarf}, your friends are:")
18
       friend list = friend database[dwarf] # get friend list from database
19
       for friend in friend list:
20
           print(friend)
```

• The add_friend() function:

```
1 def add friend(friend_database, dwarf, new_friend):
       2
 3
       Adds new_friend to the dwarf's friend list, but only if the friend is not
       already a friend
 4
       :param friend database:
 5
       :param dwarf: The dwarf who is adding a new friend
 6
       :param new_friend: The new friend to add
       :return: True if the friend was added, False otherwise
 8
       .....
10
```

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       2
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 4
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 5
       :param dwarf: The dwarf who is adding a new friend
 6
       :param new friend: The new friend to add
 8
       :return: True if the friend was added, False otherwise
       .....
 9
10
       friend list = friend database[dwarf] # get friend list from database
       if new friend in friend list:
11
12
           print(f"{new friend} is already in your friend list. No change.made!")
13
           return False
14
       else:
15
           friend list.append(new friend)
16
           return True
```

- Don't add the friend again if they are already in the list!
- Note that you actually get a reference to the friend list, so you can add the friend directly to the list and don't have to re-populate the original database (line 15)

• The **unfriend()** function:



Let's use try/except! How does a list removal fail? I don't know -- let's check:



It looks like we have a **ValueError**.

• The **unfriend()** function:

```
def unfriend(friend database, dwarf, current friend):
 1
       . . . .
 2
 3
       Unfriends current friend from dwarf's friend list.
       :param friend database: The database of friends
 4
       :param dwarf: The dwarf whose friend will be unfriended
 5
       :param current friend: The friend of the dwarf who will be unfriended
 6
       :return: True if the dwarf had the friend, False if the dwarf did not
 8
       have the friend
       .....
 9
10
       friend list = friend database[dwarf] # get friend list from database
11
       try:
12
           friend list.remove(current friend)
13
           return True
14
       except ValueError:
15
           print(f"{current friend} is not your friend! No change made.")
16
           return False
```

• With try/except it is a very straightforward function.

• The **save_friends()** function:



• We will overwrite the filename

• The **save_friends()** function:

```
def save friends(friend database, filename):
 1
 2
 3
       Saves friend database to filename
       :param friend database: The friend database
 4
 5
       :param filename: The file to save the database to
       :return: True if the database was saved, False otherwise
 6
       .....
 7
 8
       try:
           with open(filename, "w") as f:
 9
10
                for dwarf, friends in friend database.items():
11
                    f.write(" ".join([dwarf] + friends) + '\n')
12
           return True
13
       except FileNotFoundError:
14
           return False
```

- This is the "one-liner" write statement, but you have to understand a few things:
 - Adding two lists together concatenates them (and we have to create a list out of the dwarf by surrounding it with brackets)
 - The join function with a space puts the space between all the values
 - Adding two strings concatenates the strings
- That's a lot to do in one line! Let's make it a bit more verbose (but okay)

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 6
       .....
 8
       try:
           with open(filename, "w") as f:
 9
10
                for dwarf, friends in friend database.items():
11
                    f.write(dwarf)
                    f.write(" ")
12
                    for friend in friends[:-1]: # handle last as special case (no space)
13
14
                        f.write(friend)
                        f.write(" ")
15
                    f.write(friends[-1]) # last does not have a space
16
                    f.write("\n") # but it does have a newline
17
           return True
18
19
       except FileNotFoundError:
           return False
20
```

• This is more verbose, but easier to understand if you go one line at a time

- Here are the topics that we have covered so far, and that will be on the midterm next Tuesday. There has been a lot to learn!
 - Week 1:
 - Arithmetic, Variables, The Python REPL
 - Week 2:
 - Functions, Doctests, Passing values to functions, Branching
 - Week 3:
 - Iteration, Lists
 - Week 4:
 - Tuples, List slicing, List comprehensions, Strings
 - Week 5:
 - Recursion and Dictionaries
 - Week 6:
 - File processing and exception handling

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```
1 >>> def first_and_last(lst):
2 ... first = lst[0]
3 ... last = lst[-1]
4 ... return (first, last)
5 ...
6 >>> result = first_and_last([5,10,15,20])
7 >>> print(result)
8 (5, 20)
9 >>> print(first)
```

```
A.5
    >>>
B.10
    >>>
C.[5, 10, 15, 20]
    >>>
D.Traceback (most recent call last):
        File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
        NameError: name 'first' is not defined
    >>>
```

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- The answer was (D). This is something we probably didn't go over enough -variables inside a function are *local*, and are not available outside the function (this is called *scoping*).
- In other words: you cannot access a variable defined in another function. This is a good thing! It means that you can use as many variables inside a function, and when you use the function, you don't have to know those names.

- Week 2: Functions, Doctests, Passing values to functions, Branching
- Lots of potential functions questions.
 - You should be able to write a doctest for any function that does not have user input, open a file, etc.
 - Sample functions question (this would be a challenging problem)
- A. What does **mystery_func** do?
- B. Write a non-trivial doctest for **mystery_func**.

C. What does **main()** print out for this program?

```
1 def mystery func(n):
       if n < 2:
 2
 3
            return False
 4
       for i in range(2, n):
 5
            if n % i == 0:
                return False
       return True
 8
   def main():
       count = 0
10
11
       lst = [2, 3, 4]
12
        for num in 1st:
13
            if mystery func(num):
14
                count += 1
15
       if count == 0:
16
17
            print("None")
       elif count < len(lst):</pre>
18
19
            print("Some")
20
       else:
21
            print("All")
22
23
24
                == " main ":
        name
25
       main()
```

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To solve this problem, I suggest trying a few numbers in the function, and going through each line. Let's try mystery_func(5):

- n is 5, and is not less than 2, so skip line 3
- On line 4, the range is **2**, **3**, **4**
- On line 5, when i==2, 5 % 2 is 1, so we continue in the loop:
 - when i==3, 5 % 3 is 1, so we continue in the loop
 - when i==4, 5 % 4 is 1, so we finish the loop
- The loop is complete, so we return **True**

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Let's try mystery_func(9):

- n is 9, and is not less than 2, so skip line 3
- On line 4, the range is 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- On line 5, when i==2, 9 % 2 is 1, so we continue in the loop:

when i==2, 9 % 3 is 0, so we return False

Based on mystery_func (3) returning True and mystery_func (9) returning False, can you figure out what the function is doing? If not, try some more:

mystery_func(2) returns False, mystery_func(3) returns True, mystery_func(4) returns False, mystery_func(6) returns False, mystery_func(7) returns True.

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At this point, hopefully you can see that the function returns whether or not \mathbf{n} is prime.

The doctests:

```
def mystery_func(n):
 1
 2
 3
       >>> mystery func(7)
 4
        True
       >>> mystery func(6)
 5
 6
        False
        .....
        if n < 2:
 8
 9
            return False
10
       for i in range(2, n):
11
            if n % i == 0:
12
                 return False
13
        return True
```

1	<pre>def main():</pre>
2	count = 0
3	lst = [2, 3, 4]
4	for num in 1st:
5	<pre>if mystery_func(num):</pre>
6	count += 1
7	
8	if count == 0:
9	<pre>print("None")</pre>
10	<pre>elif count < len(lst):</pre>
11	<pre>print("Some")</pre>
12	else:
13	<pre>print("All")</pre>
14	

main() prints:

Some

(because **2** and **4** are not prime, and **3** is prime.

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- Potential branching question:
 - Write the output for the following values of the parameters a, b, and c. (2 pts. each)
 - i. a: 3, b: 3, c: 9 ii. a: 8, b: 7, c: 9 iii. a: 1, b: 4, c: 4 iv. a: 4, b: 7, c: 2
 - v. a: 2, b: 4, c: 7

1 def batman(a, b, c): **if** a > 3: 2 if a < c: 4 print("Robin") 5 else: 6 print("Batman") elif b == 4: if b != c: 8 9 print("Batmobile") 10 else: print("Toolbelt") 11 12 else: 13 print("Alfred")

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Robin	c: 9	7,	b:	8,	a:	ii.
Toolbelt	c: 4	4,	b:	1,	a:	iii.
Batman	c: 2	7,	b:	4,	a:	iv.
D 1 1 1	-	Δ		0		

v. a: 2, b: 4, c: 7 Batmobile

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```
def sum product(n):
      print(f"Please provide {n} numbers:")
2
3
      sum = 0
4
      product = 1
5
      for i in range(n):
6
          next num = int(input(f"Number {i}: "))
          sum += next num
          product *= next num
8
      return sum, product
9
```

```
• Sample run:
```

```
Please provide 4 numbers:
Number 0: 2
Number 1: 4
Number 2: 5
Number 3: 7
Sum: 18, Product: 280
```

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 - Write a function that counts the number of elements in a list within a specified range:



• Example:



- Week 3: Iteration, Lists
 - Sample lists problem:
 - Write a function that counts the number of elements in a list within a specified range:

```
def count list range(lst, min, max):
1
2
3
       :return a count of numbers in the list
       between (and including) min and max
4
       ......
5
6
       count = 0
       for value in lst:
8
           if min <= value <= max:
9
                count += 1
10
       return count
```

• One-liner solution:



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```
1 def centered_average(lst):
2   lst_cpy = list(lst)
3   lst_cpy.remove(min(lst_cpy))
4   lst_cpy.remove(max(lst_cpy))
5   return sum(lst_cpy) // len(lst_cpy)
```

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```
1 def remove_vowels(str):
2    return "".join([x for x in str if x.lower() not in "aeiou"])
```

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 - Sample list comprehension problem 3:

```
1 def words_not_the(sentence):
2 """Words not 'the'
3 Given a sentence, produce a list of the lengths of each word in the sentence,
4 but only if the word is not 'the'.
5 >>> words_not_the('the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog')
6 [5, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3]
7 """
8 pass
```

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7 """
8 return [len(x) for x in sentence.split(' ') if x != 'the']
```

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The function prints i down to 1, and then 1 back up to i.

```
Example:

printFun(3)

3

2

1

1

2

3

3
```

- Week 5: Recursion and Dictionaries
 - Example dictionary problem:
 - Given a list of integers, produce a dictionary that counts the number of values between 0 and 9, 10 and 19, and 20 and 29. The keys should be 0, 10, and 20, and the values should be the counts in the ranges above.

Example:

```
1 >>> histogram([12, 5, 3, 19, 28, 15, 14, 1, 23])
2 {0: 3, 10: 4, 20: 2}
1 def histogram(lst):
2     pass
```

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 - Example dictionary problem:
- Given a list of integers, produce a dictionary that counts the number of values between 0 and 9, 10 and 19, and 20 and 29. The keys should be 0, 10, and 20, and the values should be the counts in the ranges above.
 Example: Verbose solution:

1 >>> histogram([12, 5, 3, 19, 28, 15, 14, 1, 23]) 2 {0: 3, 10: 4, 20: 2}

Short, generic solution:

1	def	<pre>histogram(lst):</pre>
2		hist = {}
3		for value in 1st:
4		<pre>if value // 10 * 10 not in hist:</pre>
5		hist[value // 10 * 10] = 1
6		else:
7		hist[value // 10 * 10] += 1
8		return hist

```
def histogram2(lst):
 1
        hist = \{\}
 2
 3
        for value in 1st:
            if 0 <= value < 10:
 4
                if 0 not in hist:
 5
 6
                     hist[0] = 1
                else:
 8
                     hist[0] += 1
            elif 10 <= value < 20:
 9
10
                if 10 not in hist:
                     hist[10] = 1
11
12
                else:
13
                     hist[10] += 1
14
            elif 20 <= value <= 30:
15
                if 20 not in hist:
16
                     hist[20] = 1
17
                else:
18
                     hist[20] += 1
19
        return hist
```

- Week 6: File processing and exception handling
 - You should be able to open files to read or write, and you should be able to read from them and write to them. You should be using one of the following

patterns:









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 - Example file processing problem:
 - $\circ~$ Reverse the lines in a file. Do not provide error checking.

1 def reverse_lines(filename):
2 pass

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```
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2     with open(filename, "r") as f:
3     lines = f.readlines()
4
5     lines = lines[::-1]
6     with open(filename, "w") as f:
7     for line in lines:
8         f.write(line)
```

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 - For exception handling, you should be able to use try/except to catch errors. We will give you the error types (e.g., FileNotFoundError)
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 - Write a function that returns the value for a given key in a dictionary, and returns None if the value does not exist.



- Week 6: File processing and exception handling
 - For exception handling, you should be able to use try/except to catch errors. We will give you the error types (e.g., FileNotFoundError)
 - Example exception handling problem:
 - Write a function that returns the value for a given key in a dictionary, and returns None if the value does not exist.



• You use it like this:

```
1 >>> d = { name : chlis }
2 >>> age = d.get('age')
3 >>> print(age)
4 None
5 >>> age = d['age']
6 Traceback (most recent call last):
7 File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
8 KeyError: 'age'
9 >>>
```

• We could have made our original letter histogram easier. Original:



• Version with get():

```
1 def letter_histogram(s):
2 freqs = {}
3 for c in s:
4 freqs[c] = freqs.get(c, 0) + 1
5
6 return freqs
```

>>> letter_histogram("the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog")
{'t': 2, 'h': 2, 'e': 3, ' ': 8, 'q': 1, 'u': 2, 'i': 1, 'c': 1, 'k': 1, 'b': 1, 'r': 2, 'o': 4,
 'w': 1, 'n': 1, 'f': 1, 'x': 1, 'j': 1, 'm': 1, 'p': 1, 's': 1, 'v': 1, 'l': 1, 'a': 1, 'z': 1,
 'y': 1, 'd': 1, 'g': 1}

Lecture 6: Studying for the Midterm

- 1. Check out the Midterm study guide: https://tinyurl.com/cs5001midterm
- 2. Review all lecture slides and examples, assignments, and labs
- 3. Practice! Go through the practice problems we went over in class today, and the ones you will see in lab. You should be able to answer every practice problem correctly!
- 4. Look at the reference sheet that we will give you during the exam: https://tinyurl.com/cs5001-midterm-reference
- 5. Practice some more!

The midterm will be 2.5 hours long, from 7pm-9:30pm next Tuesday. It will be using a computerized testing system called BlueBook -- more details about that will follow.