

CS 8, Winter 2015
Homework Assignment #? (draft)

Assignment Overview

This project allows you to practice more with data retrieval, summarization, and tabulation.

Background

Web servers and clients communicate using a standard called HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language). Web pages are stored on a server computer (e.g., www.cnn.com, www.google.com, etc.) and a client (i.e., a Web browser on a MAC, PC, tablet, phone, etc.) can retrieve such pages by supplying a unique URL (Uniform Resource Locator, e.g., <http://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~cs8>) that identifies a particular page on the server. The server retrieves the page (in html format) and sends it to the client. The Web browser on the client computer then parses the html file and displays the content on the screen.

Project Specifications

You will be given a file containing fictitious students' grades in a CS8 class. The file comprises multiple lines and each line contains six fields separated by comma: last name, first name, homework 1 grade, midterm grade, homework 2 grade, and final grade.

You will calculate the averages of these four grades, weighed equally, for all students. You also need to sort these records by a given field (any of the six plus the final average). Finally, you are to generate an html file that is a table of the sorted records for a Web browser to display.

Deliverables

The deliverable for this assignment is the following file:

html.py – the source code for your Python program

Be sure to use the specified file name and submit it for grading via the **turnin** system before the project deadline.

Assignment Notes:

1. A template html file (“template.html”) will be made available to you. This template file is for generating an html table with seven columns. The content should be quite self-explanatory: There are html tags `<html></html>`, `<head></head>`, `<body></body>`, and `<table></table>` that delineate the whole document, the header, the body, and a table, respectively. Each line in the table is specified with `<tr></tr>` tag. You are to insert your sorted data into the table using the same format as the first, caption line.
2. To do this, you should copy template file line by line into your output file until you reach the line `</table>` which indicates the end of the table. Before you write out that line, you need to format your data and add them into the output file. The output file can be opened by any Web browser to show a table.
3. There is only one external callable function: `tabulate(IP, OP, template, SortedbyCol)`
 - a. IP: is the input file name

- b. OP: is the output file name
- c. template: is the html template file
- d. SortedbyCol: is a value between 0 and 6 which denotes the column used for sorting

Sample Outputs:

Please note that the records were generated randomly and did not in any way reflect a student's true performance in the class.

Last Name	First Name	Hw1	Midterm	Hw2	Final	Average
Agee	Gregory	1	34	63	75	43
Arimoto	Brian	71	27	3	98	49
Becker	Steven	50	46	72	12	45
Black	Jeremy	44	5	21	2	18
Blum	Bryan	32	51	2	13	24
Borden	Christopher	64	41	55	24	46
Buckley	Matthew	37	60	8	59	41
Bussen	Anthony	52	77	7	55	47
Cave	Brian	54	19	99	3	43
Chang	Teresa	55	85	0	22	40
Chen	Eric	64	76	31	72	60
Chesher	Daniel	71	100	47	70	72
Chu	Jeff	20	78	88	57	60
Chua	Alexander	55	96	61	77	72
Copsey	Eric	16	92	40	40	47
Crigman	Sam	15	27	8	32	20
Derodeff	Morgan	69	57	75	61	65
Doyle	Matthew	34	75	35	33	44
Dozoretz	Ari	71	41	96	35	60
Fisher	Peter	55	97	70	92	78
Flew	Arthur	63	65	26	62	54
Freeman	Aaron	64	17	80	93	63
Gang	Jin	11	63	49	74	49
Gazipura	Aziz	76	32	4	11	30
Gorecki	Mark	90	82	84	83	84
Hardie	Brian	91	24	47	94	64
Hu	Jacqueline	0	97	1	40	34
Hu	Kevin	92	19	29	40	45
Huang	Beau-Kyle	86	69	37	100	73
Huang	Bo Huang	1	44	5	22	18

Figure 1: First few records sorted by last names

Last Name	First Name	Hw1	Midterm	Hw2	Final	Average
Black	Jeremy	44	5	21	2	18
Huang	Bo Huang	1	44	5	22	18
Crigman	Sam	15	27	8	32	20
Blum	Bryan	32	51	2	13	24
Thai	Viet	23	28	22	29	25
Kennedy	Patrick	42	50	3	9	26
Gazipura	Aziz	76	32	4	11	30
Sun	Matthew	21	12	82	12	31
Wang	Victor	60	35	11	20	31
Woolery	Gavan	58	28	18	23	31
Lavingia	Paul	43	43	22	21	32
Hu	Jacqueline	0	97	1	40	34
Raman	Amit	21	96	22	1	35
Wong	Leo	13	38	75	14	35
Mack	Michael	23	16	41	64	36
Meevasana	Worawat	68	13	53	16	37
Kerlan	Robert	8	62	56	29	38
Kitzes	Steven	42	15	77	20	38
Stanton	Charles	73	22	19	42	39
Steinberg	Charles	96	0	16	44	39
To	Dien	19	52	40	45	39
Chang	Teresa	55	85	0	22	40
Jacobson	Bryan	34	58	23	48	40
Larson	Jeffrey	69	42	36	13	40
Buckley	Matthew	37	60	8	59	41
Kwon	David	29	14	33	95	42
Prosser	John	91	36	1	42	42
Agee	Gregory	1	34	63	75	43
Cave	Brian	54	19	99	3	43
Lin	Wei-Kang	37	42	81	14	43
Doyle	Matthew	34	75	35	33	44
Rehman	Alex	48	71	28	29	44

Figure 2 First few records sorted by averages