

Outline for February 13

Reading: *text*, §7

Assignments: Homework 3, due on February 15 at 11:55pm

1. Characters and representations
 - a. How characters are represented internally [*chr.py*, *ord.py*]
 - b. Figuring out the position of a character in the alphabet
2. Files
 - a. What is a file?
 - b. What can you do with it? (For example, read, write, append)
 - c. Types of files (text, binary)
3. File Input and output for text files
 - a. Opening and closing: `open(filename, mode)`, `close()`
 - b. Reading: `readline()`, `readlines()`, `read()`, `read(n)`
 - c. Writing: `write(str)`, `writelines(list)`
4. Examples
 - a. Print out a named file [*fileio1.py*]
 - b. Print out a named file and prepend line numbers [*fileio2.py*]
 - c. Store the output in *filename.lst* [*fileio3.py*]
 - d. Same, but use `print` rather than `write` [*fileio4.py*]
5. Examples
 - a. Put lines in a file in random order [*randlines.py*]
 - b. Read in a list of words from a file, then search it as requested; similar to linear search program [*search-1.py*]
 - c. Now see how many words you checked total [*search-1c.py*]