Lab 4

25 Sep 2019

The following tasks all relate to the creation and use of classes. The first one is sort of a warmup exercise; the other four all sort of connect to each other.

- The class FullName accepts a first name and last name in the constructor, and stores them in instance variables first and last.
- The class MentionCounter will be able to track the number of times certain businesses are mentioned in the media. To that end, it accepts a list of companies in the constructor (which are the ones it will be tracking) and has a method mention that takes a given business name, and if it's in this MentionCounter's list of trackable names, records one more mention of that business. (If the given business isn't in the list, it gets ignored.) (Hint: the constructor won't simply store the list it's given. What else does it need to init?)
- The class TestMentionCounter should have a method that sets up a fixture with at least two samples of MentionCounter objects that would be useful in testing; and also includes test methods for testing the next two items.
- MentionCounter has a method is_tracked that determines whether a given business is being tracked by this MentionCounter
- MentionCounter has a method get that provides the recorded count of a given business, or zero if that business name is not tracked

Handin as lab4. Due date: get the first one and a draft of the second one done by class time Friday. Final handin is Monday at 4pm.