

3.4 Guided Practice Modularizing a Program

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IDLE Shell 3.14.0
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print("<Gerbla7878>")
THANK_YOU_MESSAGE = "Thank you for using our calculator"
WELCOME_MESSAGE = '''Welcome to the calculator!
Enter equations on a single line with spaces, e.g., "5 + 3"
Available operations:
    "+" addition
    "-" subtraction
    "*" multiplication
    "/" real division
    "//" floor division
    "%" modulo
    "**" exponent
    "!" factorial of first operand
'''

from math import factorial

def setup(message):
    print(message)

def getInfo():
    equation = input("Please enter your equation: ")
    try:
        parts = equation.split()
        if len(parts) == 3:
            num1, op, num2 = parts
            num1 = float(num1)
            num2 = float(num2)
        elif len(parts) == 2: # factorial case like "5 !"
            num1, op = parts
            num1 = float(num1)
            num2 = None
        else:
            print("Invalid input format!")
            return None, None, None
        return num1, num2, op
    except:
        print("Error parsing input!")
        return None, None, None
    
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- Explain fully the difference between the equal sign (=) and the double equal sign (==) in Python. **The single equal sign = is used to assign a value to a variable, such as x = 5. The double equal sign == is used to compare two values to see if they are equal, returning True or False, such as x == 5. In short, = stores a value, while == checks for equality.**
- When you use the keyword return in a function, what is it that is returned, and where is it returned? **When you use the keyword return in a function, the value or object that follows return is sent back to the place where the function was called. This allows the calling code to use that value, store it in a variable, or perform further operations with it.**
- This requires a little research. In the example above, in the getInfo() function, we use the method number.count(" ") == 2. Explain this syntax. **number.count(" ") == 2 checks whether the input string number contains exactly two spaces. The count(" ") method counts how many spaces are in the string, and the == 2 part tests if that count is equal to 2. This helps the program determine whether the input has three parts (like 5 + 3) or fewer.**

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#str.count>

<https://docs.python.org/3/reference/expressions.html#comparisons>

4. This requires a little research. In the example above, in the getInfo() function, we use the syntax: number1,operation,number2 = number.split(" "). Explain what occurs on this line.

The line number1, operation, number2 = number.split(" ") splits the input string number at each space into a list of parts. Then it assigns the first part to number1, the second part to operation, and the third part to number2. This lets the program separate the two numbers and the operator from the user's input so it can perform calculations.

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