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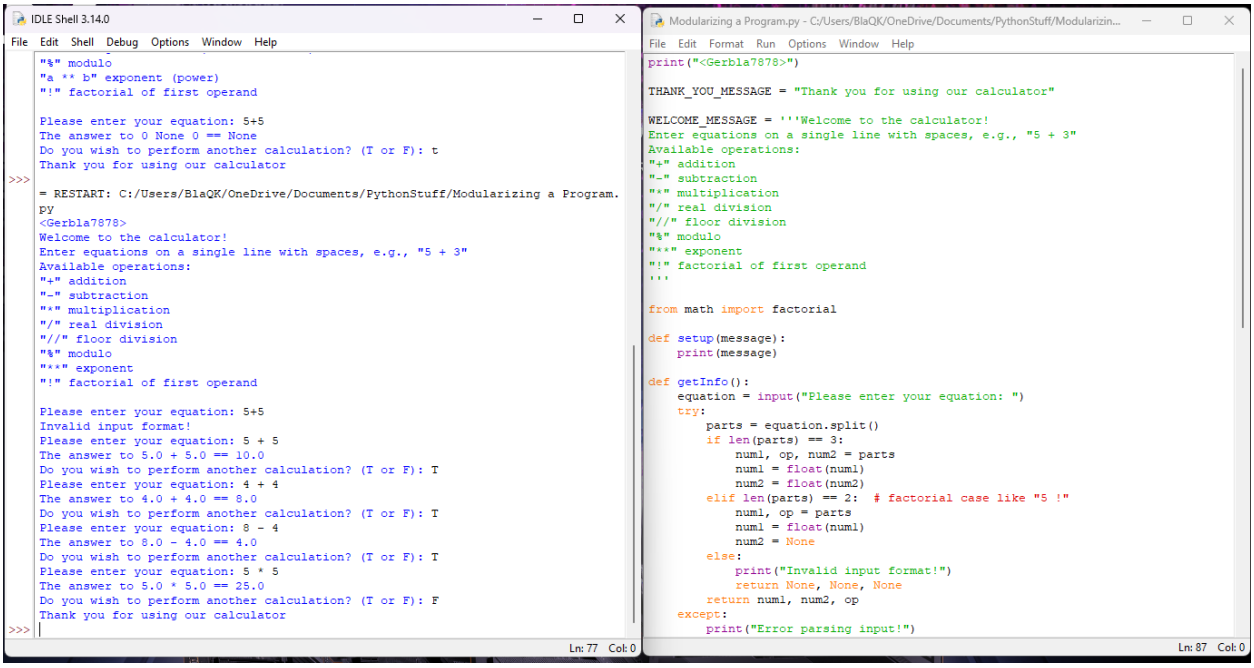
3.4 Guided Practice Modularizing a Program



1. 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.**
2. 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.**
3. 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.

   https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#str.split