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def count_words(text):
  # Splitting the text into words using whitespace
  words = text.strip().split()
  return len(words)
def main():
  print("Welcome to the Word Counter Program!")
  # Taking input from the user
  user input = input("Please enter a sentence or paragraph: ")
  # Error Handling for empty input
  if not user input.strip():
    print("Error: You entered an empty string. Please try again.")
    return
  # Counting the words
  word count = count words(user input)
  # Displaying the result
  print(f"Word Count: {word count}")
# Run the program
if "_name" == "main_":
  main()\
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