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Assignment# 3

BuggyCode and ProgrammingMistakes.

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BuggyCode:

<u>lssue:</u>

```
// Read code below and try to identify any bug and then fix it.
int main()
        cout << "This program will crash"
                << endl;
        int nSum;
        int nNums;
        // accumulate input numbers until the
        // user enteres a negative number, then
        // return the average
        nNums = 0;
        while(true)
                // enter another number to add
                int nValue;
                cout << "Enter another number:";</pre>
                cin >> nValue;
                cout << endl;
                // if the input number is negative...
                if(nValue < 0)
                {
                        // ... then output the average
                        cout << "Average is: "
                                 << nSum/nNums
                                 << endl;
                        break;
                }
                // not negative, add the value to
                // the accumulator
                nSum += nValue;
        }
        cin.ignore(10000, '\n');
        return 0;
}
Correction:
// Correction: header are not included
// So Including header and "std" library:
# include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
// cout << "This program will crash"
       //
               << endl;
       int nSum;
       // Correction: initializing the nSum with ZERO:
       nSum=0;
       int nNums;
       // accumulate input numbers until the
       // user enters a negative number, then
       // return the average
       nNums = 0;
       while(true)
       {
              // enter another number to add
              int nValue:
              cout << "Enter another number:";</pre>
              cin >> nValue;
              cout << endl;
              // if the input number is negative...
              if(nValue < 0)
                      // ... then output the average
                      cout << "Average is: "
                              << nSum/nNums
                              << endl;
                      break;
              }
              // not negative, add the value to
              // the accumulator
              nSum += nValue;
// The problem is nNums is remained ZERO throughout the execution. According to the
// formula of "Average", nNums is a Denominator.
// Why program is keep on crashing?
// Answer: because nNums is zero throughout the execution of program. Anything divided
// by ZERO is infinity thats why the program is crashing.
// Correction: nNums should be added by 1 everytime a positive number is entered in the
// nValue.
// Why we have to added 1 to nNums everytime a positive number is entered in the nValue?
// because of the formula of "AVERAGE", nSum should be divided by no. of numbers entered
```

int main()

```
Enter another number:5
Enter another number:6
Enter another number:7
Enter another number:9
Average is: 5

Process exited after 5.772 seconds with return value 0
Press any key to continue . . .
```

ProgrammingMistakes:

1. <u>Undeclared Variables:</u>

Issue:

```
intmain()
{
    cin>>x;
    cout<<x;
}
```

Question: "Huh? Why do I get an error?"

Correction:

```
// Question: "Huh? Why do I get an error?"
// Answer: because of un-declared Datatype of x
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
     // Problem: "x" is not declared in this scope
     // Correction: Let's declare x by defining the data-type:
     int x;
     //Guiding the user to enter a value:
     cout <<"Enter a number for x: ";</pre>
cin>>x;
cout<<x;
return 0;
}
```

2. <u>Uninitialized variables:</u>

Issue:

```
// Question: "Why doesn't my program enter the while loop?"
// Answer: Because while loop contains "count" and count's value is unknown.
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main ()
       int count;
       // The count is declared as "int" but the value of count is unknown
       // that's why "while" loop does not know the value of "count" and gives an error
       // Solution: Let's take the value of "count" from the user
       cout << "Enter a number: ";</pre>
       cin >> count;
 while(count<100)
                 // If the "count" is less than 100, the program will enter the "while" loop
                 // otherwise the program will be terminated.
 cout<<count;
 // Problem: While loop is an endless loop here.
 // Solution: To end the while loop, "count" should be greater than 100.
// to end the loop, let's keep on adding "1" in count.
       cout << endl;
       count+=1;
 return 0;
```

OR

3. Setting a variable to an uninitialized value :

Issue:

```
inta,b;

int sum=a+b;

cout<<"Enter two numbers to add: ";

cin>>b;

cout<<"The sum is: "<<sum;

When Run:

Enter two numbers to add: 1 3

The sum is: -1393

"What's wrong with my program?"
```

```
// which is solved by asking the value of both "a" and "b".
// -- Fourth problem was the formula for "sum", which is solved by defining it before
// displaying the sum.
                              ************
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
       int a, b;
// Lets define "sum" as "int sum" instead of "int sum=a+b" :
int sum:
cout<<"Enter two numbers to add: ";
// Problem: Sum= a + b. where the program is asking from the users to enter a value
for "b" only
// Correction: Here "a" should also be entered before "b"
cin >> a;
cin >> b;
// Lets write the formula for sum here i.e. before the displaying of sum:
   sum = a+b;
// Now the sum will be displayed:
cout<<"The sum is: "<< sum;
return 0;
```

4. Using a single equal sign to check equality:

```
Issue:
    charx='Y';
    while(x='Y')
    {
        //...
        cout<<"Continue? (Y/N)";
        cin>>x;
    }
    "Why doesn't my loop ever end?"
```

Correction:

```
//Question: "Why doesn't my loop ever end?"
// Answer: Because the selection of the operation was wrong.
// Solution is usage of Equal-to operator "==" instead of
// Assignment operator "="
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
      char x= 'Y';
      // Problem: Wrong operator is used here.
      // Solution: using "==" operator instead of Assignment operator i.e. = :
while(x=='Y')
//...
cout<<"Continue? (Y/N)";
cin>>x;
}
return 0;
}
```

5. Undeclared Functions:

Issue:

```
intmain()

{
    menu();
}
    void menu()
{
    //...
}

"Why do I get an error about menu being unknown?"
```

Correction:

void menu()

```
// Why do I get an error about menu being unknown?
// Answer: Because compiler goes through the program exactly once.
// Functions would have to be declared before they're used; prototypes let us
//declare a function without implementing its body until later.
// Similarly we introduced the prototype of the function "menu".
// OR the another solution is to define whole function before "main()" instead of
// defining at the end of the Program i.e. after "main()".
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// Problem: Compile says the function "menu" was not declared.
// Solution: lets introduce a Prototype of the function "menu" before calling
// it in "main()"
void menu(); // Declared the function here.
int main()
menu();
Return 0;
void menu()
{
//...
OR
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
{
//...
}

int main()
{
menu();
Return 0;
}
```

6. Extra Semicolons:

Issue:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    // A semicolon at the end of a "for" loop statement is against the syntax.
    // Solution: Remove the semicolon at the end of "for" loop statement.
    for(int x=0; x<100; x++)
        cout<<x;
return 0;
}</pre>
```

7. Overstepping array boundaries:

Issue:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
int array[10];
For (int x=1; x<=10; x++)
cout<<array[x];
return 0:
Why doesn't it output the correct values?"
Correction:
// Question: Why doesn't it output the correct values?"
// Answer: Because index of an Array always start from "0" not from "1".
// Answer. Because mack of an arrangement of "1".
// Solution: Initializing "x" with "0 "instead of "1".
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
int array[10];
For (int x=0; x<=10; x++) // Here x is initialized with 0 instead of 1.
cout<<array[x];
return 0;
}
```

8. Integer division:

<u>lssue:</u>

double half = 1/2;

This code sets half to 0 not 0.5! Why? Because 1 and 2 are integer constants.

Correction:

```
C:\Users\Umamah Ayaaz\Documents\ProgrammingMistakes.exe

0.5
-----
Process exited after 0.005408 seconds with return value 0
Press any key to continue . . .
```

9. Variable Name Styles:

Issue:

Take a look at the below program. Can you see anything wrong?

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

main()
{
    char CatName[20] = "fluffy";
    char dogName[20] = "fido";
    char rat_Name[20] = "fester";
    int Catage = 3;
    int dogs_age = 4;
    int ratage = 1;
    char myPet[20];
    int itsAge;

strcpy(myPet,rat_Name);
    itsAge = ratage;
    printf("My pet is %s\n",myPet);
}
```

Question: Besides the obviously bizarre choice of having a pet rat, do you notice anything?

Answer (Correction):

10. Misusing the && and || operators:

Issue:

```
int value;
do
{
//...
value=10;
}while(!(value==10) || !(value==20))
Question: "Huh? Even though value is 10 the program loops. Why?"
```