Building Python Programs
Lab 4: Guessing Game

Deliverables

Turn in a file named `guessing_game.py` `sing_game.py`.
Turn in a text file with pseudocode for all 3 required functions: `main, play_a_game, statistics`

Purpose of the Assignment:
- Using `while` loops to establish exit conditions in Python.
- Developing programs using random number generation in Python.
- Implementing user interaction through input and output in Python.

Steps for success:
1. Write the pseudocode for `play_a_game`, which initiates and executes a single guessing game.
2. Write the Python code for `play_a_game`. Try playing a few games using the created function.
3. Write the pseudocode for `statistics`, which prints info about the games played at the program's conclusion.
4. Write the Python code for `statistics`.
5. Write the pseudocode for `main`, which is used to keep track of the repeated game stats. Make sure to add a unique haiku message at the beginning!
6. Write the Python code for `main`.
7. Test the completed program by comparing it to the sample outputs in Canvas.

Criteria Checklist:
Your submission…
- ✓ Is named `guessing_game.py`.
- ✓ Has a unique introductory haiku message.
- ✓ Successfully initiates and completes guessing game for a number between 1 and a MAX constant.
- ✓ Prints a message displaying the number of tries it took to complete the game, with a special case for 1 guess.
- ✓ Allows players to play again, accepting multiple forms of "yes". (see below)
- ✓ Stops when a player requests, accepting multiple forms of "no". (see below)
- ✓ Prints the required stats at the conclusion of the games. (see below)
- ✓ Shows a similar output to the sample outputs in Canvas.
- ✓ Follows the Style Guidelines found at the end of this document.
- ✓ Is submitted along with your pseudocode for `main, play_a_game,` and `statistics`.

Description

This assignment focuses on `while` loops and random numbers.

Your program allows the user to play a game in which the program thinks of a random integer and accepts guesses from the user until the user guesses the number correctly. After each incorrect guess, you will tell the user whether the correct answer is higher or lower. Your program must exactly reproduce the format and behavior of the logs in this document.

The log below shows one sample execution of your program. Your output will differ depending on the random numbers chosen and user input typed, but the overall output structure should match that shown below.

First, the program prints an introduction in the form of a haiku poem. Recall that a haiku has 3 lines: one with 5 syllables, the second with 7 syllables, and the third with 5 syllables.

Next, a series of guessing games is played. In each game, the computer chooses a random number between 1 and 100 inclusive. The game asks the user for guesses until the correct number is guessed. After each incorrect guess, the program gives a clue about whether the correct number is higher or lower than the guess. Once the user types the correct number, the game ends and the program reports how many guesses were needed.

After each game ends and the number of guesses is shown, the program asks the user if he/she would like to play again. Assume that the user will type a one-word string as the response to this question.

A new game should begin if the user's response starts with a lower- or upper-case Y. For example, answers such as "y", "Y", "yes", "YES", "Yes", or "yeehaw" all indicate that the user wants to play again. Any other response means that the user does not want to play again. For example, responses of "no", "No", "okay", "0", "certainly", and "hello" are all assumed to mean no.

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<< your haiku intro message here >>

I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 100...
Your guess? 50
It's lower.
Your guess? 25
It's higher.
Your guess? 35
It's lower.
Your guess? 30
It's higher.
Your guess? 32
It's lower.
Your guess? 31
You got it right in 6 guesses!
Do you want to play again? Y

I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 100...
Your guess? 50
It's higher.
Your guess? 75
It's lower.
Your guess? 65
It's lower.
Your guess? 64
You got it right in 4 guesses!
Do you want to play again? YES

I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 100...
Your guess? 60
It's lower.
Your guess? 20
It's higher.
Your guess? 30
It's higher.
Your guess? 40
It's higher.
Your guess? 50
It's lower.
Your guess? 47
It's higher.
Your guess? 49
You got it right in 7 guesses!
Do you want to play again? no

Overall results:
Total games   = 3
Total guesses = 17
Guesses/game  = 5.7
Best game     = 4
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Once the user chooses not to play again, the program prints overall statistics about all games. The total number of games, total guesses made in all games, average number of guesses per game (as a real number rounded to the nearest tenth), and best game (fewest guesses needed to solve any one game) are displayed.

Your statistics should be correct for any number of games or guesses ≥ 1. You may assume that no game will require one million or more guesses.

You should handle the special case where the user guesses the correct number on the first try. Print a message as follows:

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I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 100...
Your guess? 71
You got it right in 1 guess!
```

Assume valid user input. When prompted for numbers, the user will type integers only, and they will be in proper ranges.

Implementation Guidelines:

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<< your haiku intro message here >>

I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 5...
Your guess? 2
It's higher.
Your guess? 4
It's lower.
Your guess? 3
You got it right in 3 guesses!
Do you want to play again? yes

I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 5...
Your guess? 3
It's higher.
Your guess? 5
You got it right in 2 guesses!
Do you want to play again? Nah

Overall results:
Total games   = 2
Total guesses = 5
Guesses/game  = 2.5
Best game     = 2
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Define a **constant** for the maximum number used in the games. The previous page's log shows games from 1 to 100, but you should be able to change the constant value to use other ranges such as from 1 to 50 or any maximum.

Use your constant throughout your code and do not refer to the number 100 directly. Test your program by changing your constant and running it again to make sure that everything uses the new value. A guessing game for numbers from 1 to 5 would produce output such as that shown at left. The web site shows other expected output cases.

Produce randomness using randint see [Python docs](#).

Display rounded numbers using the built Python round function.

Read user yes/no answers using input. To test whether the user's response represents yes or no, use string functions discussed in lecture.

Produce repetition using while loops. You may also want to review fencepost loops and sentinel loops. The Adding Game code from lecture (see slides) is a very relevant example. Some students try to avoid properly using while loops by writing a function that calls itself, or a pair of functions A and B where A calls B and B calls A, creating a cycle of calls. Such solutions are not appropriate on this assignment and will result in a deduction.

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I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 100...
*** HINT: The answer is 46
Your guess? 50
It's lower.
Your guess? 25
It's higher.
Your guess? 48
It's lower.
Your guess? 46
You got it right in 4 guesses!
```

(suggested initial simple version of program)

We suggest that you begin by writing a simpler version that plays a single guessing game. Ignore other features such as multiple games and displaying overall statistics.

While debugging it is useful to print a temporary "hint" message like that shown at left. This way you will know the correct answer and can test whether the program gives proper clues for each guess. This is also helpful for testing the "1 guess" case.

Style Guidelines:

For this assignment you are limited to the language features in lectures weeks 1 - 6.

Structure your solution using functions that accept parameters and return values where appropriate. For full credit, you must have at least the following two functions other than `main` in your program:

1. a function to **play one game** with the user
   This function should *not* contain code to ask the user to play again. Nor should it play multiple games in one call.

2. a function to **report the overall statistics** to the user
   This function should print the statistics *only*, not do anything else such as `while` loops or playing games.

You may define more functions if you like. It is okay for some `print` statements to be in `main`, as long as you use good structure and `main` is a concise summary. For example, you can place the loop for multiple games and the prompt to play again in `main`.

Use whitespace and indentation properly. Limit lines to 80 characters. Give meaningful names to functions/variables, and follow Python's naming standards. Localize variables. Put descriptive comments at the start of your program and each function. Since this program has longer functions, also put brief comments inside functions on complex sections of code. If you write these comments before you start coding, they can be saved and submitted as the typed version of your pseudocode.