

CSC1015F Assignment 2: Control (if, while)

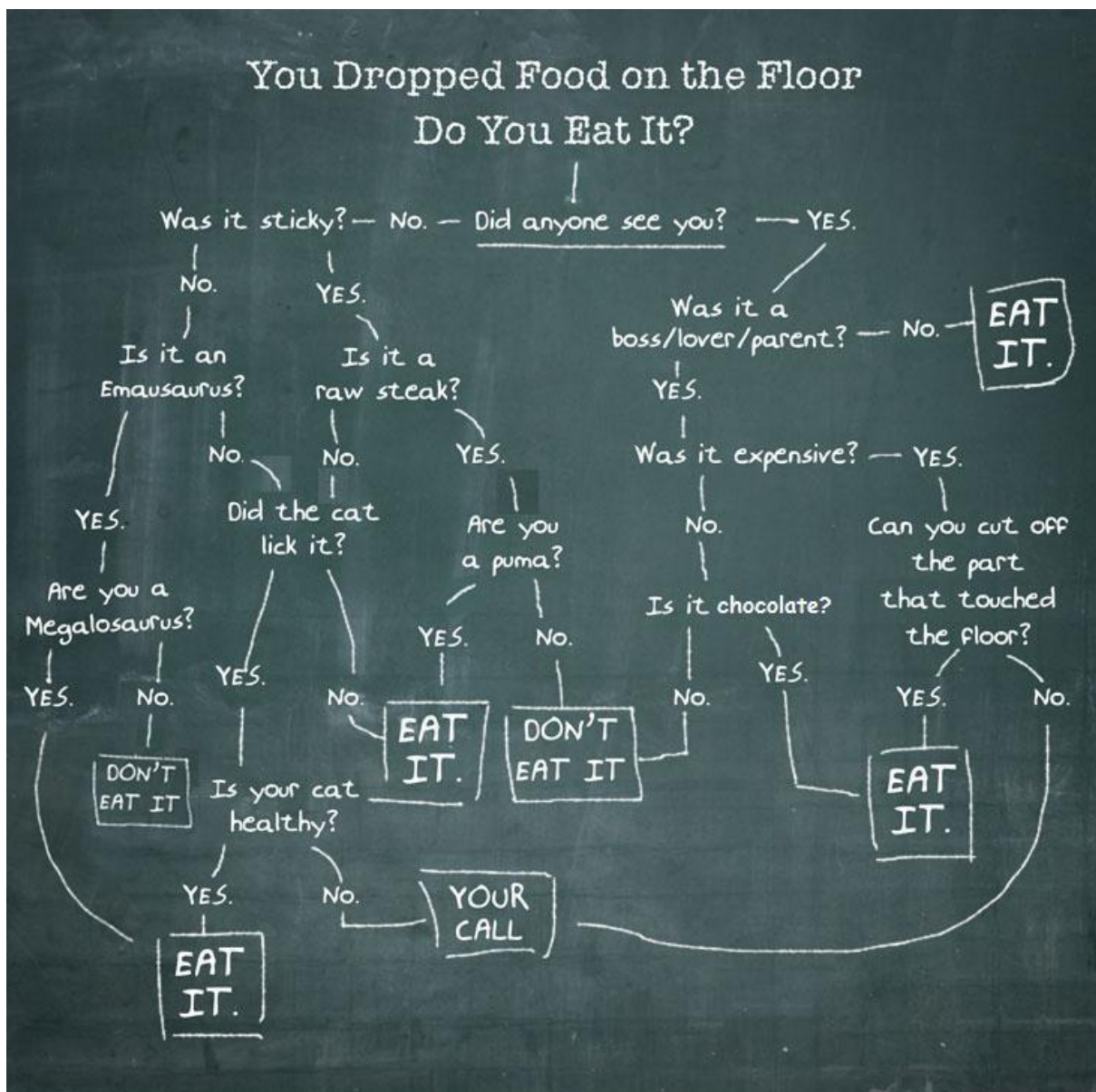
Assignment Instructions

This assignment involves constructing Python programs that use input and output statements, 'if' and 'if-else' control flow statements, 'while' statements, and statements that perform numerical manipulation.

Question 1 [30 marks]

We've all been there: You dropped your cupcake on the ground. Did it land icing up, or down? Can you just scrape off the icing? How many hours have you lost trying to decide?

Using this flowchart, write a program called "cupcake.py" to determine whether or not you should eat the food:



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Your program must ask a series of questions to determine if you should eat the food or not. Assume that there are no errors in the input.

This type of program is a simple variant of artificial intelligence known as an expert system and the flowchart is known as a decision tree.

Sample I/O:

```
Welcome to the 30 Second Rule Expert
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Answer the following questions by selecting from among the options.
Did anyone see you? (yes/no)
yes
Was it a boss/lover/parent? (yes/no)
yes
Was it expensive? (yes/no)
yes
Can you cut off the part that touched the floor? (yes/no)
no
Decision: Your call.
```

Question 2 [35 marks]

Write a program called 'firstday.py' that asks the user to enter a year range and that prints out the name of the day on which the 1st of January falls for each year in that range.

Sample IO:

```
Enter the first year: 2015
Enter the second year: 2020
The 1st of January 2015 falls on a Thursday.
```

Algorithm:

Given a 4 digit number representing a year, the day on which the 1st of January falls can be calculated using the following formula (Gaus's formula):

$$day = R(1 + 5R(Year - 1, 4) + 4R(Year - 1, 100) + 6R(Year - 1, 400), 7)$$

Where $R(n, m)$ is the remainder after dividing n by m e.g. $R(10, 3)$ is 1.

The formula produces a number in the range 0..6, where Sunday is '0', Monday is '1', and so on.

HINT: You might find it easier to accumulate the result by calculating the formula bit by bit. Let's say, for example, we wanted to calculate ' $b = 2a^2 + 3a + 10$ ', we could write:

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a=eval(input('Enter a value for a: '))
b=2*a*a
b=b+3*a
b=b+10
print('The value of b is: ',b)
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Question 3 [35 marks]

Write a program called 'pi.py' that calculates the value of PI and then computes and displays the area of a circle with radius entered by the user. PI must be approximated using the following formula. Note that this formula has an infinite number of terms with increasing complexity, so you must multiply additional terms until the size of the next term is 1!

$$2 \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}}$$

Hint: This problem requires the use of a 'while' loop to accumulate each term. Also, use the round function to display the computed values with 3 decimal places e.g. `round(5.23517, 3)` is 5.235.

Sample I/O:

```
Approximation of pi: 3.142
Enter the radius:
2.5
Area: 19.635
```

Submission

Create and submit a Zip file called 'ABCXYZ123.zip' (where ABCXYZ123 is YOUR student number) containing `cupcake.py`, `firstday.py` and `pi.py`.

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