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def roman_to_int(roman_str):
    roman_map = {
        'I': 1,
        'V': 5,
        'X': 10,
        'L': 50,
        'C': 100,
        'D': 500,
        'M': 1000,
    }

    substitutions = {
        'CM': 900,
        'CD': 400,
        'XC': 90,
        'XL': 40,
        'IX': 9,
        'IV': 4,
    }

    num = 0
    i = 0
    while i < len(roman_str):
        if i < len(roman_str) - 1 and roman_str[i:i+2] in substitutions:
            num += substitutions[roman_str[i:i+2]]
            i += 2
        else:
            if roman_str[i] not in roman_map:
                raise ValueError("Invalid Roman numeral character: {}".format(roman_str[i]))
            num += roman_map[roman_str[i]]
            i += 1

    return num

while True:
    roman_str = input("Enter a Roman numeral: ").upper() # Ensure uppercase
    input
    try:
        result = roman_to_int(roman_str)
        print(result)
        break
    except ValueError as e:
        print(e)

print("Exiting...")

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