

Project Report: Football Tournament

Winner Search System

A Search System Application for Retrieving FIFA World Cup and UEFA Champions League Winners

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Introduction

The Football Tournament Winner Search System is a simple, search system developed in Python. The primary goal of this project is to provide users with a quick and efficient way to look up historical winners of two of the world's most prominent football competitions: the FIFA World Cup and the UEFA Champions League. This system serves as a foundational example of data storage (using in-memory dictionaries) and interactive user input handling in Python.

2 Problem Statement

The objective is to create a reliable and intuitive console-based tool that centralizes historical winner data for the FIFA World Cup (1930–2022) and the UEFA Champions League (2000–2024). The system must allow users to search for a specific winner by year or view a complete list of all stored winners, mitigating the need to search multiple external sources for this common sports trivia.

3 Functional Requirements

Functional requirements define the specific actions the system must perform.

1. **Display Main Menu:** The system must present a clear menu with options to search, view all winners, or exit.
2. **Search FIFA Winner:** The system must accept a year input and return the winner of the FIFA World Cup for that year, or an error message if the year is invalid or data is missing.
3. **Search UCL Winner:** The system must accept a year input and return the winner of the UEFA Champions League for that year, or an error message if the year is outside the available range (2000–2024).
4. **View All FIFA Winners:** The system must iterate through and display the entire list of FIFA World Cup winners (Year: Team format).
5. **View All UCL Winners:** The system must iterate through and display the entire list of UEFA Champions League winners (Year: Team format).
6. **Exit Functionality:** The system must allow the user to gracefully exit the application loop.

4 Non-functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements specify criteria used to judge the operation of a system, rather than specific behaviors.

1. **Usability:** The console interface must be intuitive, providing clear prompts and readable output.
2. **Maintainability:** The core data structures (winner dictionaries) must be easy to locate and update when new tournament winners are crowned.

3. **Reliability:** The program must not crash upon receiving non-numeric or out-of-range input; robust error handling is required.
4. **Performance:** Search operations must be instantaneous, leveraging the constant time complexity ($O(1)$) of dictionary lookups.

5 System Architecture

The system employs a simple, single-tier, monolithic architecture, common for small console applications.

- **Presentation Layer (I/O):** Handled by Python's built-in `input()` and `print()` functions, forming the user interface.
- **Business Logic Layer:** Contained within the `search_fifa()`, `search_ucl()`, and `main_menu()` functions, which manage user interaction and data access.
- **Data Layer:** The data is stored in-memory using two global Python dictionaries, `fifa_world_cup_winners` and `ucl_winners`.

6 Design Diagrams

Due to the constraints of single-file compilation, the diagrams below are represented conceptually using structured text.

6.1 Use Case Diagram

- **Actor:** User
- **Use Cases:**
 1. Search Winner (FIFA or UCL)
 2. View All Winners (FIFA or UCL)
 3. Exit System
 4. Manage Menu
- **Relationship:** The User interacts directly with the Manage Menu, which includes the other three use cases.

6.2 Workflow Diagram

1. **Start:** Execution begins with `main_menu()`.
2. **Loop/Menu Display:** Print the menu options.
3. **Input Choice:** Get user input (1-5).
4. **Process Choice:**

- If 1 or 2: Call the respective search() function.
 - If 3 or 4: Iterate and print the respective dictionary data.
 - If 5: Break the loop and Exit.
 - If Invalid: Print error and continue loop.
5. **End:** Application terminates.

6.3 Sequence Diagram

1. **Participant:** User
2. **Participant:** System (main_menu) 3. **Participant:** Data Layer (dictionaries)
4. **Sequence (Search Scenario):**

- User → System: Start (main_menu())
- System → User: Display Menu
- User → System: Choice (e.g., '1')
- System → User: Prompt for Year
- User → System: Year Input (e.g., 2014)
- System → Data Layer: Lookup (2014 in fifa_world_cup_winners)
- Data Layer → System: Return "Germany"
- System → User: Display "FIFA World Cup 2014 Winner: Germany"
- System → User: Display Menu (Loop)

6.4 Class/Component Diagram

- **Component 1: Data Store (Global Dictionaries)**
 - fifa_world_cup_winners: Dictionary {Year: Country}
 - ucl_winners: Dictionary {Year: Club}
- **Component 2: Functionality**
 - search_fifa(): Reads input, accesses Data Store.
 - search_ucl(): Reads input, accesses Data Store.
 - main_menu(): Controls application flow, calls other functions.

6.5 ER Diagram

An Entity-Relationship (ER) Diagram is not applicable to this project as it utilizes in-memory Python dictionaries for data storage, not a relational database. The data is stored as keyvalue pairs, which is a conceptual NoSQL/Map structure.

7 Design Decisions & Rationale

1. **In-Memory Dictionaries for Data Storage:** • **Rationale:** For small, static datasets like historical winners, in-memory dictionaries are the fastest and simplest storage method in Python. They offer $O(1)$ (constant time) complexity for lookups, ensuring immediate retrieval.
2. **Primary Key as Year:**
 - **Rationale:** The year is the natural, unique identifier for each tournament instance. Using the year as the dictionary key allows for direct, immediate access to the winner.
3. **Single main_menu() Loop:**
 - **Rationale:** Encapsulating the program flow within a while True loop managed by a central function simplifies control flow, allowing users to perform multiple operations without restarting the script.
4. **Use of int(input(...)):**
 - **Rationale:** Enforcing integer input ensures data integrity before the dictionary lookup. However, this is a minor weakness that could be improved with tryexcept blocks to catch ValueError if the user enters non-numeric text.

8 Implementation Details

The system is implemented entirely in Python, utilizing standard libraries only.

1. **Data Initialization:** The two large dictionaries (fifa_world_cup_winners and ucl_winners) are defined globally at the start of the script, making them easily accessible by all functions.
2. **Search Functions (search_fifa, search_ucl):**
 - Take user input for the year.
 - Use the if year in dictionary: check for validation. This is efficient as it checks for the existence of the key.
 - If the key exists, the result is printed using an f-string: f"Winner: {dictionary[year]}".
3. **Viewing All Winners:**
 - Options 3 and 4 use a simple for year, team in dictionary.items(): loop to iterate over all key-value pairs and print them one by one.

9 Screenshots / Results

The following outlines illustrate the expected console output for key operations.

```
-- Menu Display --
===== FOOTBALL
WINNERS SEARCH
=====
Enter your choice (1-5): 2
```

-- Search UCL Success --

Enter a UEFA Champions League year (2000–2024): 2024

UEFA Champions League 2024 Winner: Real Madrid

-- Search FIFA Failure --

Enter a FIFA World Cup year (1930–2022): 2023 No World

Cup held this year OR invalid input.

-- View All FIFA Winners (Partial Output) -ALL FIFA WORLD

CUP WINNERS:

1930: Uruguay

1934: Italy ...

2022: Argentina

10 Testing Approach

A manual, black-box testing approach was employed due to the project's small scope and reliance on user input.

1. Positive Testing:

- **Case 1 (Search):** Input valid years (e.g., 1986 for FIFA, 2011 for UCL) and verify the correct winner is returned.
- **Case 2 (View):** Select options 3 and 4 and confirm all stored data is displayed correctly.
- **Case 3 (Exit):** Select option 5 and confirm the program terminates.

2. Negative Testing:

- **Case 1 (Invalid Year):** Input a year outside the data range (e.g., 1900, 2050) and confirm the "No World Cup held this year OR invalid input" message appears.
- **Case 2 (Invalid Choice):** Input a non-menu option (e.g., 6, A) and confirm the "Invalid option, try again!" message appears.
- **Case 3 (Error Handling - Conceptual):** Although not implemented with tryexcept, inputting non-numeric text (e.g., 'abc') would be expected to cause a ValueError in the current version, highlighting an area for improvement.

11 Challenges Faced

The primary challenge of this project was minimal, owing to the straightforward nature of the request.

- **Robust Input Handling:** The current implementation relies on int(input()), which is susceptible to crashing if the user enters letters instead of numbers. A more robust solution would require implementing try-except blocks for type conversion, which was deferred to the future enhancements stage to keep the initial code simple.

- **Data Organization:** Ensuring all historical data was correctly transcribed and formatted into the Python dictionaries was a tedious but necessary task.

12 Learnings & Key Takeaways

- **Efficiency of Dictionaries:** Reinforced the understanding that Python dictionaries (hash maps) provide extremely efficient key-based lookups, making them ideal for small data retrieval systems.
- **Program Control Flow:** Gained practical experience in managing continuous program execution using a while loop and conditional statements (if/elif/else) for menu navigation.
- **F-String Utility:** Applied f-strings for clear and concise output formatting in the console.

13 Future Enhancements

1. **Error Handling Improvement:** Implement try-except blocks around input() calls to gracefully handle ValueError when non-numeric input is provided by the user.
2. **Persistence Layer:** Migrate the data from in-memory dictionaries to a local file (e.g., JSON or CSV) or a simple SQLite database to ensure data persistence across sessions.
3. **Search by Team Name:** Implement a reverse lookup feature that allows the user to input a team name and see all years that team won either tournament.
4. **Graphical User Interface (GUI):** Transition the application from a CLI to a simple GUI for enhanced usability.

14 References

Python Language Documentation (Version 3.x) – python.org

FIFA World Cup Historical Records – <https://www.fifa.com>

UEFA Champions League Historical Records – <https://www.uefa.com>

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with the following details:

- File Menu:** File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, Help.
- Editor Area:** The main area displays a Python script named `football_searchsystem.py`. The script defines a function `main_menu()` which prompts the user for a choice (1-5) and performs different operations based on the input. It includes logic for searching FIFA and UEFA Champions League winners, as well as viewing all winners for both competitions.
- Terminal Area:** Below the editor, the terminal window shows the execution of the script. It prints the menu options and then asks for a choice. When choice 1 is selected, it prompts for a year and prints the winner for that year.
- Sidebar:** The left sidebar shows the project structure under "UNTITLED (WORKSPACE)". It includes a folder for "Desktop" containing ".idea", "academic-vit", "addshop", "CSE-Intro to problem solving", "ex-AM", "fam", "new", "VIT", and "VIT_PROJECT". Inside "VIT_PROJECT", there is a "source_code" folder containing the script being edited. Other files listed in the sidebar include "PROJECT_Report.docx", "PROJECT_Report.pdf", "README.md", "BlueLink", "Counter-Strike 2.url", "desktop.ini", "DOC.2025.lnk", "Downloads.lnk", "Gmail.lnk", "Grand Theft Auto V Enhanced [7...]", "IDLE (Python 3.11 64-bit).lnk", "movis.lnk", and "New WinRAR ZIP archive.zip".
- Bottom Bar:** The bottom bar includes tabs for PROBLEMS, OUTPUT, DEBUG CONSOLE, TERMINAL (which is active), and PORTS. It also shows the Python interpreter path: C:\Users\ayush\OneDrive\Desktop & C:/Users/ayush/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python311/python.exe c:/Users/ayush/OneDrive/Desktop/VIT_PROJECT/source_code/football_searchsystem.py. The status bar at the bottom indicates the current file is "Untitled (Workspace)" with line 79, column 14, and other settings like Spaces: 4, UTF-8, CRLF, Python 3.11.3, Go Live, and Prettier.

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The screenshot shows a Windows desktop environment with a code editor window open. The window title is "Untitled (Workspace)". The left sidebar lists "OPEN EDITORS" with "README.md" and "football_searchsystem.py" (unsaved). The main workspace shows the file "main_menu():" with the following Python code:

```
choice = input("Enter your choice (1-5): ")

if choice == "1":
    search_fifa()

elif choice == "2":
    search_ucl()

elif choice == "3":
    print("\n ALL FIFA WORLD CUP WINNERS:")
    for year, team in fifa_world_cup_winners.items():
        print(f"(year): {team}")

elif choice == "4":
    print("\n ALL UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WINNERS:")
    for year, team in ucl_winners.items():
        print(f"(year): {team}")

elif choice == "5":
    print("\nThank you for using the Football Search System! ")
    break

else:
    print(" Invalid option, try again!")

main_menu()
```

The code implements a menu system for searching football results. It prints the winners of the World Cup and UEFA Champions League based on user input. The code uses Python's f-string for printing the year and team together.

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- File Explorer:** On the left, it lists "OPEN EDITORS" (1 unsaved) containing "README.md" and "football_searchsystem.py". It also shows a tree view of "UNTITLED (WORKSPACES)" including "Desktop", ".idea", "academic-vit", "adshop", "CSE-Intro to problem solving", "ex-AM", "fam", "new", "VIT", and "VIT_PROJECT" which contains "source_code" and "football_searchsystem.py".
- Code Editor:** The main area displays a Python script named "football_searchsystem.py". The script defines three functions: `search_fifa()`, `search_ucl()`, and `main_menu()`.
 - `search_fifa()` prompts the user for a year between 1930 and 2022 and prints the FIFA World Cup winner if found.
 - `search_ucl()` prompts the user for a year between 2000 and 2024 and prints the UEFA Champions League winner if found.
 - `main_menu()` prints a menu with options 1 through 5, corresponding to the search functions, and exits the program.
- Bottom Bar:** Includes a search bar, file icons (Windows, PDF, ZIP), and system status indicators (80% battery, 10:27 PM, 11/24/2025).

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with multiple windows and toolbars. The main window displays two Python files: `README.md` and `football_searchsystem.py`. The `README.md` file contains project details, while `football_searchsystem.py` contains code for a football tournament search system, specifically for the FIFA World Cup and UEFA Champions League winners from 1930 to 2025.

```
# FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT SEARCH SYSTEM
# FIFA WORLD CUP & UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WINNERS

# FIFA World cup Winners (1930-2022)
fifa_world_cup_winners = {1930: "Uruguay", 1934: "Italy", 1938: "Italy",
                           1950: "Uruguay", 1954: "West Germany", 1958: "Brazil",
                           1962: "Brazil", 1966: "England", 1970: "Brazil",
                           1974: "West Germany", 1978: "Argentina", 1982: "Italy",
                           1986: "Argentina", 1990: "West Germany", 1994: "Brazil",
                           1998: "France", 2002: "Brazil", 2006: "Italy",
                           2010: "Spain", 2014: "Germany", 2018: "France",
                           2022: "Argentina"}

# UEFA Champions League Winners (2000-2025)
ucl_winners = {2000: "Real Madrid", 2001: "Bayern Munich", 2002: "Real Madrid",
                2003: "AC Milan", 2004: "Porto", 2005: "Liverpool",
                2006: "Barcelona", 2007: "AC Milan", 2008: "Manchester United",
                2009: "Barcelona", 2010: "Inter Milan", 2011: "Barcelona",
                2012: "Chelsea", 2013: "Bayern Munich", 2014: "Real Madrid",
                2015: "Barcelona", 2016: "Real Madrid", 2017: "Real Madrid",
                2018: "Real Madrid", 2019: "Liverpool", 2020: "Bayern Munich",
                2021: "Chelsea", 2022: "Real Madrid", 2023: "Manchester City",
                2024: "Real Madrid", 2025: "Paris st. German"}
```

The code editor includes a sidebar for 'OPEN EDITORS' and a 'PROBLEMS' panel at the bottom. The terminal shows command-line history in PowerShell (PS) on Windows. A right-hand sidebar lists available Python environments.