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**Practice Quiz: Recursion**

**TOTAL POINTS 5**

1.Question 1

What is recursion used for?

**1 / 1 point**



Recursion is used to create loops in languages where other loops are not available.



We use recursion only to implement mathematical formulas in code.



Recursion is used to iterate through sequences of files and directories.



Recursion lets us tackle complex problems by reducing the problem to a simpler one.

**Correct**

You nailed it! By reducing the problem to a smaller one each time a recursive function is called, we can tackle complex problems in simple steps.

2.Question 2

Which of these activities are good use cases for recursive programs? Check all that apply.

**1 / 1 point**



Going through a file system collecting information related to directories and files.

**Correct**

Right on! Because directories can contain subdirectories that can contain more subdirectories, going through these contents is a good use case for a recursive program.



Creating a user account.



Installing or upgrading software on the computer.



Managing permissions assigned to groups inside a company, when each group can contain both subgroups and users.

**Correct**

You got it! As the groups can contain both groups and users, this is the kind of problem that is a great use case for a recursive solution.



Checking if a computer is connected to the local network.

3.Question 3

Fill in the blanks to make the is\_power\_of function return whether the number is a power of the given base. Note: base is assumed to be a positive number. Tip: for functions that return a boolean value, you can return the result of a comparison.

**1 / 1 point**

def is\_power\_of(number, base):

  # Base case: when number is smaller than base.

  if number < base :

    # If number is equal to 1, it's a power (base\*\*0).

    if number == 1:

      return True

    else:

      return False

  # Recursive case: keep dividing number by base.

  return is\_power\_of(number/base, base)

print(is\_power\_of(8,2)) # Should be True

print(is\_power\_of(64,4)) # Should be True

print(is\_power\_of(70,10)) # Should be False

RunReset

True

True

False

**Correct**

Nice job! You've made the code check for powers of numbers

by reducing the problem to a smaller one.

4.Question 4

The count\_users function recursively counts the amount of users that belong to a group in the company system, by going through each of the members of a group and if one of them is a group, recursively calling the function and counting the members. But it has a bug! Can you spot the problem and fix it?

**1 / 1 point**

  count = 0

  for member in get\_members(group):

    count += 1

    if is\_group(member):

      count += count\_users(member)

  return count

print(count\_users("sales")) # Should be 3

print(count\_users("engineering")) # Should be 8

      count-=1

print(count\_users("everyone")) # Should be 18

RunReset

3

8

18

**Correct**

Well done, you! You spotted the problem that was causing

groups to be counted when we only wanted to count users!

5.Question 5

Implement the sum\_positive\_numbers function, as a recursive function that returns the sum of all positive numbers between the number n received and 1. For example, when n is 3 it should return 1+2+3=6, and when n is 5 it should return 1+2+3+4+5=15.

**1 / 1 point**

def sum\_positive\_numbers(n):

  if n==0:

    return 0

  return n + sum\_positive\_numbers(n-1)

print(sum\_positive\_numbers(3)) # Should be 6

print(sum\_positive\_numbers(5)) # Should be 15

RunReset

6

15

**Correct**

Here is your output:

6

15

Great work! You've really nailed writing recursive

functions!