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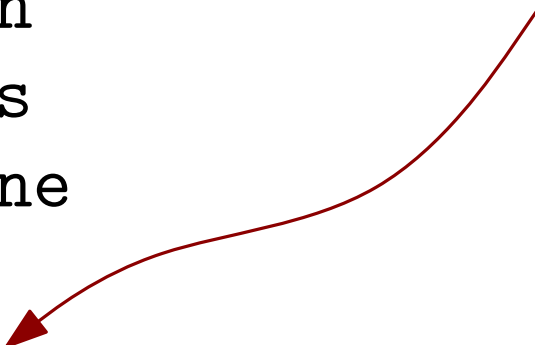
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In fact file objects provide a method to do this (but then you get all the white space):

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planets = f.readlines()
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The program reads the entire file, even if earth is right at the beginning. After having found earth, there is no need to continue the loop.



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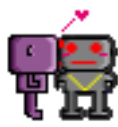
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break breaks out of the innermost loop only:

```
>>> for x in range(10):
...     for y in range(10):
...         print y,
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```



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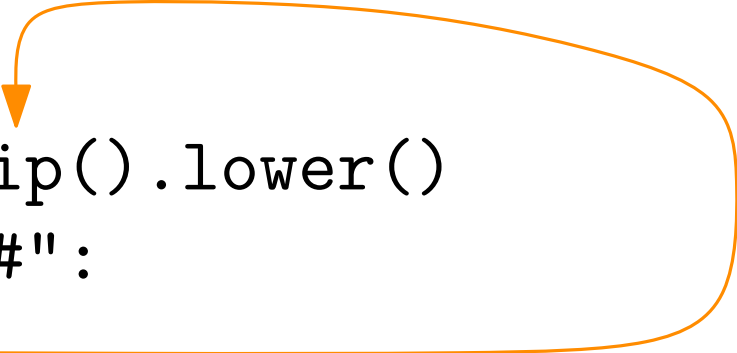
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continue makes the loop move to the next element immediately



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Let's print all English words longer than 18 letters:

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```

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for line in f:
    word = line.strip()
    if len(word) > 18:
        print word
```

```
f.close()
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Count all the words without the letter 'e':

```
f = open("C:/CS101/words.txt", "r")
```

```
count = 0
```

```
for line in f:
```

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    word = line.strip()
```

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    if not "e" in word:
```

```
        count += 1
```

```
print "%d words have no 'e'" % count
```

```
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Let's find all words whose letters are sorted:

```
def is_abecedarian(word):  
    for i in range(1, len(word)):  
        if word[i-1] > word[i]:  
            return False  
    return True  
  
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def three_doubles(word):  
    s = ""  
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        if word[i-1] == word[i]:  
            s = s + "*"  
        else:  
            s = s + " "  
    return "* * *" in s
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Do not forget to `close()` the file—otherwise, the file contents may be incomplete.



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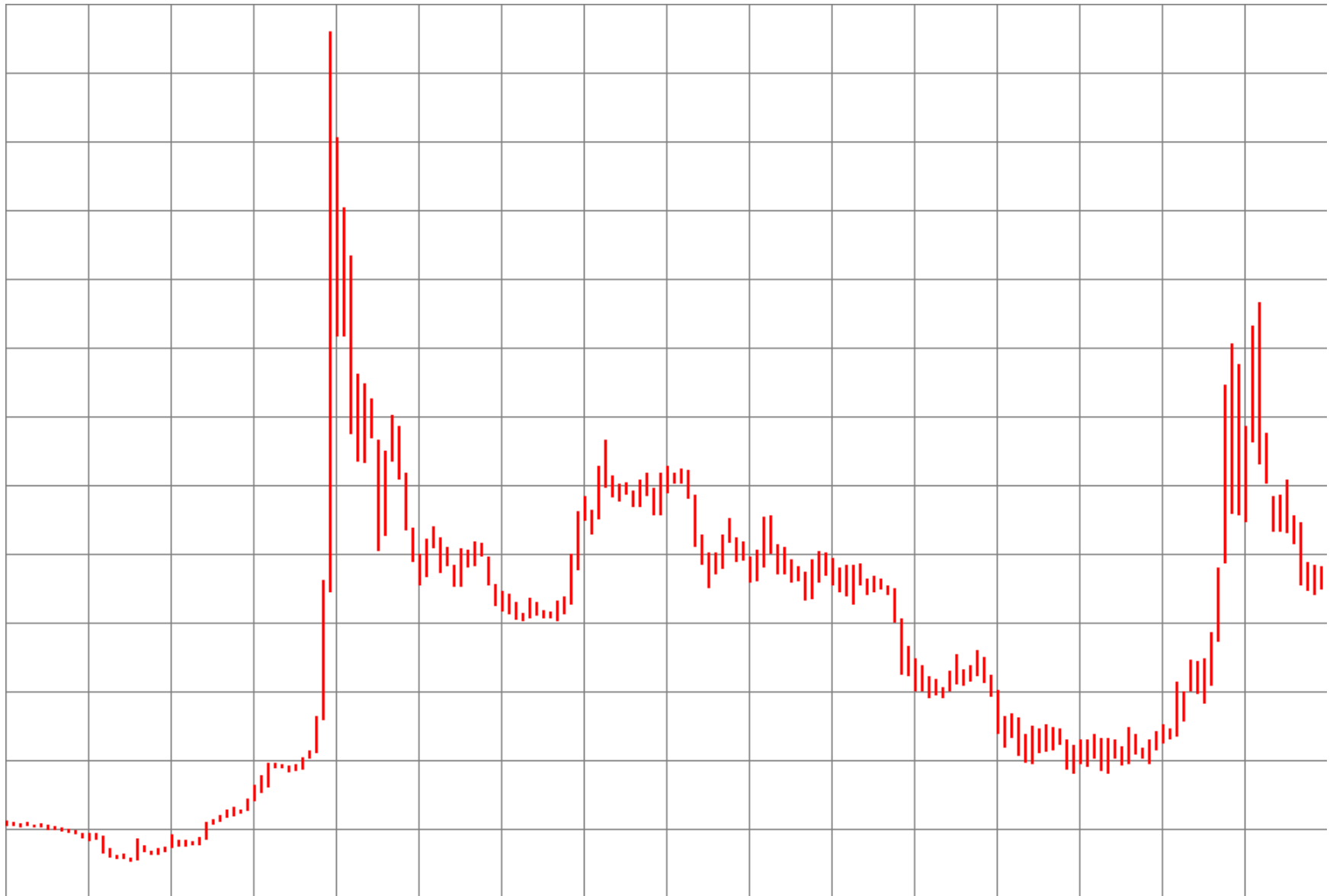


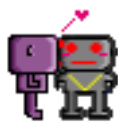

Minimum and maximum for every month of a year:

```
def find_minmax(yr):
    minmax = [ (9999, 0) ] * 12
    data = read_year(yr)
    for d, v in data:
        # make month 0 .. 11
        month = (d / 100) % 100 - 1
        minr, maxr = minmax[month]
        if v < minr:
            minr = v
        if v > maxr:
            maxr = v
        minmax[month] = minr, maxr
    return minmax
```



Let's use `cs1media` to create a nice plot of the exchange rate.





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What would you like to do:

- S) Sell item
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- R) Report sales
- E) Exit

Enter your choice>



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Testing `load_stock("stock.txt")`:

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>>> load_stock("stock.txt")
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(30, 'cucumber', 900), (20, 'egg plant', 1100),
(10, 'zucchini', 1300), (70, 'garlic', 300)]
```



We can test code before having written all the functions called:

```
def main():  
    stock = load_stock(stock_file_name)  
    sales = []  
    while True:  
        s = show_menu()  
        if s == 'e':  
            break  
        elif s == 's':  
            sell(stock, sales)  
        elif s == 'p':  
            print_stock(stock)  
        elif s == 'r':  
            print_sales(sales)
```

need these functions to test

needed only when selected