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CP1404/CP5632 - Practical - Suggested Solution
Capitalist Conrad wants a stock price simulator for a volatile stock.
The price starts off at $10.00, and, at the end of every day there is
a 50% chance it increases by 0 to 10%, and
a 50% chance that it decreases by 0 to 5%.
If the price rises above $1000, or falls below $0.01, the program should end.
The price should be displayed to the nearest cent (e.g. $33.59, not $33.5918232901)
import random
MAX INCREASE = 0.1 # 10%
MAX DECREASE = 0.05 # 5%
MIN_PRICE = 0.01
MAX PRICE = 1000.0
INITIAL PRICE = 10.0
OUTPUT_FILE = "stock_output.txt"
# open output file for writing (this creates a new file if it doesn't exist)
out file = open(OUTPUT FILE, 'w')
price = INITIAL PRICE
day = 0
print("Starting price: ${:,.2f}".format(price), file=out_file)
while price >= MIN PRICE and price <= MAX PRICE:
    price_change = 0
    day += 1
    # generate a random integer of 1 or 2
    # if it's 1, the price increases, otherwise it decreases
    if random.randint(1, 2) == 1:
        # generate a random floating-point number
        # between 0 and MAX INCREASE
        price change = random.uniform(0, MAX INCREASE)
    else:
        # generate a random floating-point number
        # between negative MAX_DECREASE and 0
        price change = random.uniform(-MAX DECREASE, 0)
    price *= (1 + price change)
    # print("On day {} price is: ${:,.2f}".format(day, price))
    print("On day {} price is: ${:,.2f}".format(day, price), file=out file)
# don't forget to close the file when we've finished with it
out_file.close()
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