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1 # Demonstrate a "while" loop.
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3 # We commonly want to REPEAT some statements in our programs. A "loop" is a
4 # construct that lets us specify a section of code to repeat as long as some
5 # condition is true. In Python, one type of loop is a "while" loop.
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7 # A few looping exercises:
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9 # Loop until the user inputs the passcode
10 passcode = 12345
11 user_guess = int(input("Enter the passcode: "))
12 while user_guess != passcode:
13     user_guess = int(input("Wrong, try again: "))
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15 # What can we conclude if the program reaches this line?
16 print("That's the kind of passcode an idiot would have on his luggage!")
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19 # Print the numbers from 1 to 100
20 number = 1
21 while number <= 100:
22     print(number)
23     number = number + 1
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26 # Redo the student name example
27 student_number = 1
28 while student_number <= 5:
29     student_name = input("Enter student {0}'s name: ".format(student_number))
30     print("Welcome, {0}!".format(student_name))
31     student_number = student_number + 1
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34 # Greet a student by name.
35 user_input = 0
36 while user_input <= 0:
37     user_input = int(input("Please enter a positive integer: "))
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39 # Another validation example: enter a number from 1 to 10
40 user_input = 0
41 while not (user_input >= 1 and user_input <= 10):
42     user_input = int(input("Please enter a number from 1 to 10: "))
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45 # Lessons:
46 #   while loop
47 #   A few common loop patterns
48 #   "not" in conditions
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1 # Find the mean of a bunch of numbers
2 print("Please enter one number at a time. Enter a 0 to stop: ")
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4 # We need variables to capture the user's input and sum it.
5 user_input = -1
6 user_sum = 0
7 total_numbers = 0
8
9 while user_input != 0:
10     user_input = int(input())
11     user_sum += user_input
12     total_numbers += 1
13
14 # Now that we have the sum, we can find the average easily.
15 average = user_sum / total_numbers
16 print("The mean of those values is {0}".format(average))
17 # There is a BUG IN THIS CODE!!!
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22 # Lessons:
23 #     Using an accumulator variable
24 #     += operator and its cousins -=, /=, *=, %=
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1 # Make a basic "menu" application that prints a menu with two options:
2 # 1. Say hello
3 # 2. Quit
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5 # If the user selects 1, print "Hello" to the screen and loop again.
6 # If the user selects 2, quit the program.
7 # If the user selects anything else, loop again.
8 choice = 0
9 while choice != 2:
10     print("1. Say hello")
11     print("2. Quit")
12     choice = int(input("Enter your choice: "))
13     if choice == 1:
14         print("Hello")
15     elif choice == 2:
16         print("Goodbye!")
17     else:
18         print("Follow the rules dummy!")
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1 import math
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3 # Ask the user to input an integer, then determine if that integer is prime.
4 x = int(input("Enter an integer: "))
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6 answer = True
7 divisor = 2
8 while divisor <= math.sqrt(x):
9     if x % divisor == 0:
10         answer = False
11         break
12     if divisor == 2:
13         divisor = 3
14     else:
15         divisor += 2
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18 if answer:
19     print("It is prime!")
20 else:
21     print("It is not prime!")
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1 # Syntax vs. semantics errors.
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3 # Syntax: errors in the structure of the program.
4 # 10a is not a valid name or literal
5 x = 10a
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7 # strings must be terminated
8 x = "
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10 # binary operators require two operands
11 x = 1 +
12
13 # parentheses must be closed
14 print("Hello!"
15
16 # conditions must be followed by a colon
17 if x > 10
18     pass
19
20 # blocks must be indented
21 if x == 100:
22     print("This is an error")
23
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25 # Semantics: errors in the MEANING of the program
26 # using an undefined variable
27 x = y + 10
28
29 # using a value in a context that has no meaning
30 x = "hello" + 2
31
32 # using a non-Boolean expression as a condition
33 if x + 2:
34     pass
35
36 # passing incorrect types to functions
37 print(math.sqrt("Hello"))
38
39
40 # Lessons:
41 #   Syntax vs. semantic errors
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