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I'm working on a R programming problem. The current program below is not working well. Can you help by giving a hint? Below I first provide the problem description and then the current buggy program.

Given a positive integer N. Calculate the Fibonacci series till the number N. If N is a part of the series, include N as well.

Buggy Program:

```
fibonacci_index <- function(number) {  
  if (number < 0) {  
    stop("Keine gültige Fibonacci-Zahl")  
  }  
  
  index <- 1  
  fib <- 1  
  f1 <- 1  
  f2 <- 0  
  
  while (fib <= number) {  
    if (fib == number) {  
      return(index)  
    }  
    f1 <- fib  
    fib <- f1 + f2  
    f2 <- f1  
    index <- index + 1  
  }  
  
  stop("Keine gültige Fibonacci-Zahl")  
}  
  
number <- as.numeric(readline(prompt = "Bitte geben Sie eine Zahl ein: "))  
tryCatch({  
  index <- fibonacci_index(number)  
  cat("Die Zahl ist Zahl", index, "der Fibonacci-Folge.\n")  
}, error = function(e) {  
  cat(e$message, "\n")  
})
```

(1) Can you describe the bug(s) in this program and the required fixes?
(2) Can you provide a concise single-sentence hint about one bug in this program?
The hint should not be too detailed as I want to think about the fixes by myself.
However, the hint should not be too abstract, as I need some help.

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Analyzing the Buggy Program

Bug 1: Incorrect Equality Check

The primary issue lies in the comparison within the `while` loop:

Code snippet

```
if (fib == number) {
```

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This line is attempting to assign `number` to `fib` instead of comparing them. The correct way to compare values in R is using the double equal sign (`==`):

Code snippet

```
if (fib == number) {
```

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Bug 2: Missing Base Cases

The function doesn't handle the base cases of the Fibonacci sequence:

- When `number` is 0 or 1, the function should return the corresponding index.

Corrected Program

Code snippet

```
fibonacci_index <- function(number) {  
  if (number < 0) {  
    stop("Keine gültige Fibonacci-Zahl")  
  }  
  
  if (number == 0 || number == 1) {  
    return(number)  
  }  
  
  index <- 2  
  fib <- 1
```

```
f1 <- 1
f2 <- 0

while (fib <= number) {
  if (fib == number) {
    return(index)
  }
  f1 <- fib
  fib <- f1 + f2
  f2 <- f1
  index <- index + 1
}

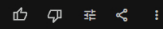
stop("Keine gültige Fibonacci-Zahl")
}
```

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Concise Hint

Hint: The program is incorrectly comparing values within the `while` loop.



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