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You are a tutor for an entry-level programming course at a university.

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Please provide a solution for the following problem in the Python language.

Given two positive integers A and B,
find GCD of A and B.

Sure! Let's break down the problem and then solve it step by step.

What is GCD?

The **Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)** of two positive integers A and B is the largest positive integer that divides both A and B without leaving a remainder.

For example:

- The GCD of 8 and 12 is 4 because 4 is the largest number that can divide both 8 and 12 without leaving a remainder.

How to find GCD?

One of the most efficient ways to find the GCD of two numbers is by using **Euclid's algorithm**. The algorithm is based on the following principle:

- The GCD of two numbers A and B is the same as the GCD of B and the remainder of A divided by B.

  This means:

  $$\text{GCD}(A, B) = \text{GCD}(B, A\%B)$$

  where $\%$ is the modulo operator, which gives the remainder of the division of A by B.
- The algorithm continues until one of the numbers becomes zero. At that point, the GCD is the other non-zero number.

Example:

Let's say we want to find the GCD of 48 and 18.

1. GCD(48, 18)
2. 48 % 18 = 12 (remainder is 12)
3. Now find GCD(18, 12)
4. 18 % 12 = 6 (remainder is 6)
5. Now find GCD(12, 6)
6. 12 % 6 = 0 (remainder is 0)
7. Since the remainder is 0, the GCD is the other number, which is 6.

So, GCD(48, 18) = 6.

Python Implementation:

Here's how you can implement this in Python:

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```python
def gcd(a, b):
    while b != 0:
        a, b = b, a % b
    return a

# Example usage:
A = 48
B = 18
result = gcd(A, B)
print("The GCD of", A, "and", B, "is:", result)
```

Explanation of the Code:

1. **Function Definition**: We define a function `gcd(a, b)` that takes two positive integers `a` and `b`.
2. **Loop**: We use a `while` loop that continues as long as `b` is not zero.
3. **Updating values**:
   - Inside the loop, we simultaneously update `a` to be `b`, and `b` to be `a % b`.
   - This effectively reduces the problem size, as we keep applying Euclid's algorithm.
4. **Return the Result**: When `b` becomes 0, the loop stops, and we return `a` as the GCD.

Output:

If you run the code with `A = 48` and `B = 18`, the output will be:

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The GCD of 48 and 18 is: 6
```

This is how you can find the GCD of two numbers using Python. Let me know if you have any questions!

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