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

Make sure your answers are easily understandable for students in an entry-level course. Therefore explain all concepts that are used.

Can you help in fixing the following Python code while making as few changes as possible? Below I first provide the problem description and then the current buggy program.

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

Buggy Program:

```
class P1_Python_buggy:

    def findGCD(A, B):
        while B != 0:
            temp = B
            B = A % B
            A = temp

    def main():
        A = 56
        B = 98

        gcd = P1_Python_buggy.findGCD(A, B)

        print(f"GCD of {A} and {B} is: {gcd}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    P1_Python_buggy.main()
```

Can you fix the above buggy program? Modify only the code within the function. Make sure that you make minimal possible changes needed to fix the program.



Certainly! Let's go through the buggy code and understand what's happening, then we'll fix it with minimal changes.

Problem Breakdown:

- The task is to find the Greatest Common Divisor (GCD) of two numbers A and B.
- The provided code uses the Euclidean algorithm, which is correct, but there are some issues that need to be fixed.

Issues in the Code:

- The `findGCD` function doesn't return a value: The function correctly calculates the GCD using the Euclidean algorithm, but it doesn't return the result. As a result, when the `main` function tries to print the GCD, it will print `None` because `gcd` is assigned the return value of `findGCD`, which is `None`.
- No need to modify the input arguments: Although modifying `A` and `B` inside the function works, it's better to keep the original values unchanged if you're returning a result.

Fixed Code:

We'll fix the issues by ensuring that `findGCD` returns the GCD and modify the function slightly to make sure the changes are minimal.

```
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class P1_Python_buggy:

    def findGCD(A, B):
        while B != 0:
            temp = B
            B = A % B
            A = temp
        return A # Return the GCD

    def main():
        A = 56
        B = 98

        gcd = P1_Python_buggy.findGCD(A, B)

        print(f"GCD of {A} and {B} is: {gcd}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
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Explanation of the Changes:

- **Return Statement Added:** A ``return a`` statement is added at the end of the ``findgcd`` function. This ensures that after the loop finishes, the function returns the calculated GCD (which will be stored in ``a``).

Now, the program will correctly calculate and print the GCD of 56 and 98, which is 14.

How the Program Works:

- The ``findgcd`` function implements the Euclidean algorithm:
 - It keeps finding the remainder when A is divided by B (``A % B``), and then swaps A with B and B with the remainder, until B becomes 0.
 - When B is 0, A will hold the GCD.
- The ``main`` function initializes ``a`` and ``b``, calls ``findgcd``, and prints the result.

With this small fix, the program should work perfectly!

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