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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 problem and the buggy code step by step.

### Problem Description:

We need to find the Greatest Common Divisor (GCD) of two positive integers  $A$  and  $B$ . The GCD is the largest number that can divide both  $A$  and  $B$  without leaving a remainder. One common algorithm to find the GCD is the Euclidean algorithm.

### Buggy Code Review:

Let's look at the key issues in the buggy code:

- Return Value in `findGCD` function:** The `findGCD` function calculates the GCD using the Euclidean algorithm, but it doesn't return the result. This means that when `main()` tries to print the GCD, it actually prints `None` because the function doesn't return anything.
- Function Call in `main`:** The `findGCD` function should return the GCD value, which then needs to be printed.

### Minimal Changes to Fix the Code:

We'll need to:

- Ensure that the `findGCD` function returns the GCD value after the calculation.

Here's the fixed version of the code:

```
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class P1_Python_buggy:

    def findGCD(A, B):
        while B != 0:
            temp = B
            B = A % B
            A = temp
        return A # This line is added to return the final GCD value

    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()
```

#### Explanation:

- **Return Statement:** After the loop in the `findgcd` function, the variable `A` holds the GCD of the original inputs. So, we added `return A` to return the calculated GCD value.
- **No other changes:** The rest of the code is unchanged, ensuring minimal modifications.

#### How the Code Works:

1. **Euclidean Algorithm:** The algorithm repeatedly replaces the larger number with its remainder when divided by the smaller number until one of the numbers becomes zero. The non-zero number at this point is the GCD.
2. **Returning the GCD:** The `return A` line ensures that the function gives back the GCD so it can be used in the `main` function.

This fixed code will now correctly calculate and print the GCD of 56 and 98, which is 14.

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