

ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS

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Introduction

Rock-Paper-Scissors is a classic hand game often used as a decision-making tool. As a programming project, it provides a great opportunity to understand random number generation, input handling, and conditional logic. This Python-based game allows a human player to compete against the computer in an infinite loop until they choose to stop.

Objective of the Project

Understand basic Python programming constructs like conditionals, loops, and functions.

Implement interaction between the user and a computer.

Learn how to use randomness to simulate AI decisions.

Develop a simple yet functional terminal-based game.

Tools and Technologies Used

Programming Language: Python

Library: random (to simulate AI moves)

Platform: Any system with Python installed (console-based)

System Design and Architecture

Game Flow:

The game continuously runs until the player types "stop".

In each round:

The computer (AI) selects randomly between rock, paper, or scissors.

The player inputs their choice.

The program compares both choices to determine the winner or if it's a tie.

User Interface:

Console-based text UI.

Prompts user for input and displays results after every round.

Implementation Details

1. AI Logic:

A list ["rock", "paper", "scissors"] is used.

random.choice() selects a random move for the computer.

2. Key Conditions:

If both choices match → Tie

If player's move beats the AI → You Win

If AI's move beats the player → You Lose

If player types "stop" → Game ends

3. Structure:

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while True:
    random_choice = random.choice(AI)
    user = input(...)
    # Compare logic
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🔧 Challenges Faced
Handling unexpected or invalid user inputs.

Ensuring smooth user interaction in a continuous loop.

Avoiding repeated code using clean conditional logic.

📖 Learning Outcomes
Gained hands-on experience with loops, input/output, and decision-making logic.

Understood how to use Python's random module effectively.

Practiced creating real-time interactive applications in the terminal.

Learned basic game logic implementation and flow control.

✅ Conclusion
This project helped reinforce core programming concepts in Python through a fun and engaging game. Although simple, it was a meaningful step in learning interactive application development and logical thinking.

🚀 Future Scope
Add a score tracker for both player and AI.

Allow best-of-n rounds instead of infinite play.

Introduce GUI using Tkinter or Pygame.

Handle invalid inputs gracefully with warnings.

Add a countdown timer for each move.