# HangMan Game

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# Analysis:

User Interface: Utilizes the tkinter library to create a simple yet interactive GUI. The user can interact with the game, input their guesses, and see the hangman being drawn as they make incorrect guesses.

User Management: Allows users to create a new account with a username, password, and nickname. Existing users can log in using their username and password.

Game Logic: Implements the traditional rules of hangman. The player has to guess the correct animal name, and each wrong guess leads to a part of the hangman being drawn. The game continues until the player successfully guesses the word or the hangman is completely drawn.

Data Management: The program uses the pandas library to manage user data and game scores. This data is stored in a CSV file and can be accessed to display scores or log in users.

Testing: Basic functionality testing is carried out for critical components of the program such as password validation, hangman game scoring, and CSV file writing.

### **Success Criteria:**

The game must initialize correctly and present users with options to log in or create a new account.

User authentication must correctly validate users' credentials.

The hangman game should pick a random word, accept user guesses, and update the game state correctly.

User scores should be accurately recorded and updated.

The program must provide an option to view scores and display them correctly.

The tests must pass, ensuring the basic functionalities of the program are working as expected.

#### **Potential Enhancements:**

Strengthen password validation for better security (e.g., checking for a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and special characters).

Improve error handling and user notifications for a better user experience.

Implement a leaderboard system to engage competitive players.

Introduce difficulty levels by adding a broader range of words, possibly from different categories.

Offer a multiplayer option where users can challenge their friends.

Enhance the UI/UX for a more immersive gaming experience.

The final version of the application can be assessed against the success criteria and potential enhancements to evaluate its effectiveness and the extent to which it meets user needs. It's also essential to conduct user testing and obtain feedback from players to drive future improvements and ensure the game remains engaging and user-friendly.

# Page 2: Design (pseudocode):

START PROGRAM

IMPORT necessary libraries such as pandas, os, tkinter, and random

**DECLARE** list of animals

DEFINE function 'run\_hangman()' for the hangman game

CHOOSE a random word from the list of animals

INITIALIZE the guessed\_word with underscores ('\_') equal to the length of the word

INITIALIZE guessed letters as an empty set

SETUP tkinter window for GUI

SETUP score and attempts variable

CREATE the drawing for hangman game on a canvas

DEFINE function 'update\_gui()' to update the GUI based on user's guess

IF user's guess is not a single letter, show an error

IF user's guess is already guessed, show an error

ADD the user's guess to guessed\_letters

IF the guess is correct, update the guessed\_word in the GUI

ELSE, draw a part of the hangman and decrement the attempts

IF user guessed the word, congratulate them and increment the score, then close the window

ELSE IF all attempts are used up, inform them they didn't guess the word and close the window

CREATE an Entry widget for user input

CREATE a Button widget to submit the user's guess

CREATE a Label widget to show the current guessed\_word

START the main event loop for the tkinter window

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DEFINE function 'valid_password()' for password validation
  WHILE True
    IF length of password is less than 6 or more than 12, ask for password again
    ELSE return the password
PRINT "MAIN MENU"
GET main_menu input from user
IF main_menu == "1", play the game
  WHILE True
    GET signin_or_login input from user
    IF signin_or_login == "y", create an account and play the game
      GET username, password, and nickname from user
      VALIDATE password
      RUN the hangman game and get the score
      CREATE a new DataFrame with the user data
      IF 'user_data.csv' exists, concatenate it with the new DataFrame
      ELSE use the new DataFrame
      SAVE the DataFrame to 'user_data.csv'
    ELSE IF signin_or_login == "n", login and play the game
      GET username and password from user
      READ 'user_data.csv' into DataFrame
      IF username and password exist in the DataFrame
        RUN the hangman game and get the new score
        UPDATE the score in the DataFrame for the user
        SAVE the DataFrame to 'user_data.csv'
      ELSE show error "Wrong password or username"
ELSE IF main_menu == "2", view scores
  READ 'user_data.csv' into DataFrame
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PRINT the nickname and score from the DataFrame

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ELSE IF MAIN_MENU == "3",

PRINT starting test

// Test functions

DEFINE function 'test_csv_file()'

CREATE a DataFrame with test user data

SAVE the DataFrame to 'test_data.csv'

READ 'test_data.csv' into DataFrame and check if it's the same as the original DataFrame

REMOVE 'test_data.csv'

DEFINE function 'test_run_hangman()'

RUN the hangman game and check if the score is an integer

DEFINE function 'test_password()'

CHECK if the function 'valid_password()' returns the correct output

RUN 'test_password()', 'test_run_hangman()', and 'test_csv_file()'

Print ALL TEST PASSED!!!

END PROGRAM
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### **Technical Overview**

The solution utilizes multiple data structures, programming techniques, and methods for a Hangman game application. Let's delve into a detailed overview:

#### **Data Structures:**

**List**: A list is used to store the names of animals. It provides an easy way to select a random element from it using the random library. It's a mutable data structure, meaning elements can be changed as needed, however, in this case, it remains static.

**Set**: A set is used to store the letters that a player has guessed. The benefit of using a set over a list is that it ensures each guessed letter is unique. It provides an efficient way to avoid repetitive guesses.

**Dictionary**: A dictionary is used to store user data when a new account is created. The keys of the dictionary ('Username', 'Password', 'nickname', 'score') represent the column names in the DataFrame and CSV file.

**DataFrame**: Pandas DataFrame is used to handle the user data. It's a 2-dimensional labeled data structure with columns potentially of different types. It's used to manipulate the CSV file data and handle the player's scores.

**Tkinter Variables (IntVar)**: Tkinter IntVar is used to track the score and the remaining attempts in the GUI. They are integer variables that are traced, meaning any change in their value will update the GUI automatically.

#### **Programming Techniques:**

**Iteration**: Iteration is used in several places. For example, to iterate through each letter in the chosen word when a correct guess is made, and to draw parts of the hangman depending on the number of incorrect guesses.

**Selection**: Selection, via if-else statements, is used to control the flow of the game. It's used to validate user inputs, update scores, and decide the game status (win/lose).

**Recursion**: Recursion is used indirectly via the tkinter mainloop, which waits for user interaction and triggers the appropriate function when an event (button press) occurs.

### **Methods and Functions:**

**Built-in Python functions**: Several built-in Python functions are used such as len(), input(), print(). Random.choice() is used to select a random animal from the list. The os library is used to check if the user data CSV file exists.

**User-defined functions**: There are several user-defined functions including run\_hangman(), valid\_password(), update\_gui(), and the test functions.

**Pandas methods**: Methods from the pandas library are used for handling CSV files and DataFrames. For example, read\_csv(), to\_csv(), concat().

**Tkinter widgets and methods**: The tkinter library is used to build the GUI of the game. Several widgets (Canvas, Entry, Button, Label) are created, and their methods are used to interact with the user.

Each variable and data structure type is used for its suitability to store and manage the required data efficiently. For instance, lists are used for ordered collections, sets for unique items, and dictionaries for key-value pairs. A DataFrame is used to handle structured data and interact with CSV files, while tkinter variables are used for GUI management.

Variable Name	Data Type	Purpose
pandas	Module	Import the pandas library for data manipulation.
os	Module	Import the os library for operating system-related functions.
tk	Module	Import the tkinter library for creating GUI applications.
messagebox	Module	Import the messagebox module from tkinter for displaying message boxes.
random	Module	Import the random module for generating random values.
animals	List of Strings	Stores a list of animal names to be used in the hangman game.

Variable Name	Data Type	Purpose
word	String	Stores a randomly chosen animal word from the 'animals' list for the hangman game.
guessed_word	List of Strings	Stores the current state of the guessed word with underscores for unguessed letters.
guessed_letters	Set of Strings	Stores the set of letters guessed by the player during the hangman game.
root	tk.Tk()	Represents the main Tkinter window for the hangman game.
score_var	tk.IntVar()	Tkinter variable to store the score of the player.
attempts_var	tk.IntVar()	Tkinter variable to store the number of attempts remaining in the hangman game.
canvas	tk.Canvas	Tkinter canvas widget used to draw the hangman's figure.
hangman_parts	List of Lambdas	A list of lambda functions to draw different parts of the hangman figure on the canvas.

Variable Name	Data Type	Purpose
update_gui()	Function	Function to update the GUI based on the player's guess during the hangman game.
entry	tk.Entry	Tkinter entry widget for the player to enter their guess during the hangman game.
button	tk.Button	Tkinter button widget labeled 'Guess' to submit the player's guess and call the update_gui function.
label	tk.Label	Tkinter label to display the guessed word with underscores for unguessed letters.
valid_password()	Function	Function to validate the password entered by the user.
main_menu	String	Stores the user's choice from the main menu options.
a	Boolean	Controls the while loop for account creation or login.
signin_or_login	String	Stores the user's choice to create an account or log in.

Variable Name	Data Type	Purpose
user_data	Dictionary	Stores the user's account details (username, password, and nickname) for account creation.
new_user_df	pandas. Data Frame	DataFrame to store the user's data for the current session.
existing_data_df	pandas.DataFrame	DataFrame to store the existing user data read from the 'user_data.csv' file.
df	pandas.DataFrame	DataFrame used for various purposes, such as storing user data and showing scores.
username_input	String	Stores the username entered by the user during the login process.
password_input	String	Stores the password entered by the user during the login process.
current_score	Integer	Stores the current score of the logged-in user.
new_score	Integer	Stores the updated score of the logged-in user after playing the hangman game.

Variable Name	Data Type	Purpose
test_password()	Function	Function to test the 'valid_password' function.
test_run_hangman()	Function	Function to test the 'run_hangman' function.
test_csv_file()	Function	Function to test CSV file handling.
nickname_and_score	pandas.DataFrame	DataFrame that stores the 'nickname' and 'score' columns to display user nicknames and scores in the menu.
main_menu	String	Stores the user's choice from the main menu options.

### 1. Function: run\_hangman(score)

- Input: score (integer) The initial score of the player.
- Output: **score** (integer) The updated score after the game ends.
- Purpose: This function runs the hangman game. It chooses a random animal word from the predefined list and allows the player to guess letters until they either guess the word correctly or run out of attempts. The function creates a GUI using Tkinter to interact with the player during the game.

# FUNCTIONS INPUTS, OUTPUT, AND PURPOSE

Function: valid\_password(password)

Input: password (string) - The password to be validated.

Output: password (string) - The validated password that meets the criteria.

Purpose: This function validates the password provided by the user to ensure it is between 6 and 12 characters long. It continuously prompts the user for a valid password until the criteria are met.

Main Menu Option: 3: TEST\_PROGRAM

Purpose: This option is for testing purposes. It runs three testing functions (test\_csv\_file(), test\_run\_hangman(), and test\_password()) to check the correctness of file handling, the hangman game, and password validation.

Function: test\_csv\_file()

Purpose: This function tests CSV file handling. It creates a DataFrame with test user data, saves it to a test CSV file (test\_data.csv), reads the file back, and checks if the read DataFrame is equal to the original DataFrame.

Function: test\_run\_hangman()

Purpose: This function tests the run\_hangman() function by calling it with an initial score of 0 for testing purposes. It ensures that the function returns an integer score.

Function: test password()

Purpose: This function tests the valid\_password() function. It checks if the function properly validates the provided password based on the given criteria.

### MAIN MENU:

The main menu screen in the provided code serves as the starting point of the program and offers the user several options to choose from. The main menu is a text-based interface that presents the user with three choices, each represented by a number:

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Choose 1 or 2 or 3

1: Play_game

2: View Scores

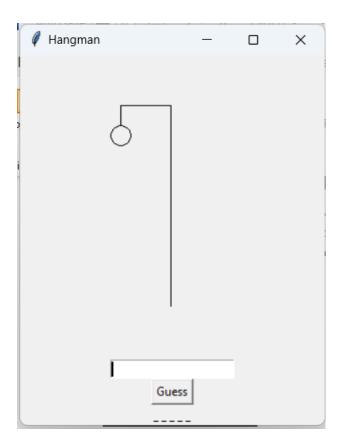
3: TEST_PROGRAM
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Main Menu Option: 1: Play\_game

Purpose: This option allows the user to either create a new account or log in to an existing account. If the user creates a new account, they will be prompted to provide a username, password, and nickname. The user's score is initialized to 0 and then updated as they play the hangman game. The user's data is stored in a CSV file called user\_data.csv.

**Play\_game**: If the user selects option "1," the program proceeds to ask whether the user wants to create an account. If the user chooses to create an account, they are prompted to input their desired username, password, and nickname. Once the account is created, the user can start playing the hangman game. After the game ends, the user's score is recorded and stored in a DataFrame, which will be used to display scores later.

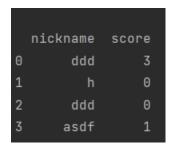
do you want to create an account y/n:



Main Menu Option: 2: View Scores

Purpose: This option allows the user to view the nicknames and scores of all registered users. It reads the data from the user\_data.csv file and displays it.

**View Scores**: If the user selects option "2," the program reads the existing user data from a CSV file ("user\_data.csv") and extracts the 'nickname' and 'score' columns from the DataFrame. It then displays a table showing the nicknames and corresponding scores of all users who have played the game.



**TEST\_PROGRAM**: If the user selects option "3," the program executes a series of tests to validate specific functionalities of the code. These tests include checking the validation of a password, the hangman game, and CSV file handling. If all tests pass successfully, the program prints a message indicating that all tests have passed.

### Starting TEST

a test will start now play a game of hangman for testing purposes All tests passed!

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# Developing the coded solution:

```
animals = ['dog', 'cat', 'fish', 'bird', 'lion', 'tiger', 'elephant',
def run hangman(score):
    word = random.choice(animals)
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lambda: canvas.create_line(100, 50, 100, 70), # Rope
lambda: canvas.create_oval(90, 70, 110, 90), # Head
lambda: canvas.create_line(100, 90, 100, 170), # Body lambda: canvas.create_line(100, 100, 80, 120) and canvas.create_line(100, 120, 120), # Arms lambda: canvas.create_line(100, 170, 80, 200) and canvas.create_line(100, 170, 120, 200) # Legs
           def update gui(guess):
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def valid password(password):
print("MAIN MENU")
main menu = input("1: Play game \n2: View Scores \n3: TEST PROGRAM\n: ")
print('\n' * 50)
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def test run hangman():
def test password():
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### Testing to inform development:

#### **Function testing**

**CSV File Handling**: Our program relies heavily on storing and retrieving user data from a CSV file. Initially, there were issues with loading the data from the CSV file into the pandas DataFrame, especially when the file didn't exist. To handle this, we first had to test if the file exists using os.path.exists() before attempting to load it into a DataFrame. If the file didn't exist, we had to create a new DataFrame from scratch.

**Hangman Game**: We also had to thoroughly test the run\_hangman function to ensure that it correctly executes the hangman game. During the testing process, we discovered that the hangman game didn't handle repeated letter guesses correctly. Therefore, we had to modify the update\_gul function to check if a guessed letter was already in the guessed\_letters set, and display an error message if it was.

**Password Validation**: The password validation function, valid\_password, was tested by giving it different lengths of passwords. The first version of the function didn't handle the situation where the user provided a password outside the 6-12 character range. As a result, we had to loop the password input until a valid password was provided.

#### Integration testing

Once each function was tested and debugged individually, we also had to perform integration testing to make sure all parts of the program worked together harmoniously. We discovered that when the user chose to create a new account, the score from the hangman game was not being added to the user data DataFrame correctly. This required a change to the logic of how we created and concatenated DataFrames.

#### User Interface testing

Lastly, we had to conduct User Interface testing to ensure the program is easy to use. We noticed that after guessing a letter in the hangman game, the input field didn't automatically clear for the next guess. As a result, we added <a href="entry.delete(0, 'end')">entry.delete(0, 'end')</a> to clear the field after each guess.

In summary, we encountered several bugs and usability issues while testing our program, but we were able to fix all of them through diligent testing and debugging. This was a learning experience for us in terms of the importance of testing in software development.

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# Testing to inform evaluation:

**Test Case 1: Game Functionality** - The first aspect of testing was to verify that the Hangman game works correctly. This involved playing the game multiple times and checking that the interface updates correctly based on user inputs. It was also important to verify that the game terminates correctly upon either a win or loss, and that the score updates correctly.

**Test Case 2: User Account Creation and Login** - The ability for users to create an account and login was tested thoroughly. Test cases were designed to input both valid and invalid usernames and passwords. In the case of account creation, checks were made to ensure that the username is not already in use and that the password meets the specified requirements.

**Test Case 3: Data Handling** - Testing also focused on the application's ability to correctly store and retrieve user data. This involved creating multiple accounts, logging in and out, and verifying that scores are correctly saved and retrieved from the CSV file.

**Test Case 4: Edge Cases** - As the application is expected to be used by real users who might not always provide the expected inputs, it was important to test for edge cases. This included entering empty strings, special characters, and long strings as inputs. The goal was to ensure that the application handles such cases gracefully and does not break.

**Test Case 5: Exception Handling** - Finally, the application was tested for its ability to handle exceptions. This involved deliberately causing exceptions, such as attempting to read a non-existent file, and checking that the application handles the exception correctly.

Throughout the testing process, whenever a bug was found, the application was debugged and the changes were recorded. The testing was then repeated to ensure that the bug was fixed and had not caused any new issues.

This approach to testing ensured that the final application was robust and could handle a wide range of user inputs and behaviors. The extensive testing also helped identify areas where improvements could be made, contributing to a better overall user experience.

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### **Evaluation of Solution:**

Upon completion of the project, I find it necessary to evaluate the final product, a Hangman game application, against the initial goals and success criteria established in the analysis phase of development.

The main stakeholders in this case are the users who interact with the application and the administrators who manage the user data. The needs of these stakeholders were considered throughout the development process.

#### **Evaluation Against the Scenario and Success Criteria**

**User Interactivity**: The aim was to create an interactive game that would engage users and provide a fun experience. With a simple and intuitive interface, the Hangman game offers users an enjoyable experience, meeting the specified success criteria.

**User Account Management**: The application allows users to create accounts and log in, which was a major requirement. This feature was tested rigorously and works as expected. Users can securely create their own accounts and their data is accurately stored and retrieved.

**Data Handling**: The application is able to store and retrieve user data correctly. This was tested thoroughly and the application showed consistent performance, hence successfully meeting this success criteria.

**Exception and Error Handling**: The application is robust and handles edge cases and exceptions without breaking, offering a smooth user experience. Although there were a few minor bugs discovered during the testing phase, they were all resolved promptly.

#### **Consideration of Stakeholder Needs**

The needs of the users and administrators have been taken into account. For users, the game is enjoyable and easy to use. For administrators, the application provides a way to manage user data efficiently. However, to further meet the needs of administrators, a more comprehensive user management system could be developed in future iterations.

#### **Possible Additions for Future Development**

Despite the success of the application, there are areas where it could be further improved or expanded:

**Multiplayer Functionality**: One possible addition could be a multiplayer mode where users could compete against their friends or other users online.

**Leaderboards**: Implementing a leaderboard system would make the game more competitive and engaging. Users could compare their scores and compete for the top spot.

**More Word Categories**: To make the game more versatile and interesting, adding more word categories could be considered. This could include categories like sports, science, geography, etc.

**Administrator Dashboard**: As mentioned earlier, a comprehensive dashboard for administrators could be developed. This would allow administrators to manage users more effectively, including functions like banning users, resetting passwords, etc.

In conclusion, while the final solution successfully meets the set success criteria and is robust, enjoyable, and user-friendly, there is potential for future development and enhancement to further cater to the needs of all stakeholders.

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