CSC 111a Fall 2013 Lab #4

## **Instructions**

- Download Lab\_4.py from Sakai.
- The only deliverable for this lab is to upload your completed program as an Assignment on Sakai. The deadline for uploading your program is 5pm Friday.
- Program files submitted through the Sakai Assignment page must use the following naming format:
  - o Lastname\_Firstinitial\_Lab\_lab#.py
  - o For example, for Lab #3, my file would be named: *Thomas\_S\_Lab\_4.py*
- All programming assignments must follow the Style Guide and include meaningful comments.
- I. The program you have downloaded plays Rock-Paper-Scissors against a human (you). The instructor will go over the details with you to help you understand how it works. Don't go to step II until you understand exactly how it works.
- II. A contemporary version of this decision-making process is Rock-Paper-Scissors-Lizard-Spock. Your challenge is to take what you have learned from the Lab\_4 program and extend it to play Rock-Paper-Scissors-Lizard-Spock. Just in case you haven't mastered this complex game here is a description straight from Wikipedia and a diagram that should help:

The rules of Rock-paper-scissors-lizard-Spock are:

- Scissors cut paper
- Paper covers rock
- · Rock crushes lizard
- Lizard poisons Spock
- Spock smashes (or melts) scissors
- Scissors decapitate lizard
- Lizard eats paper
- Paper disproves Spock
- Spock vaporizes rock
- Rock breaks scissors

There are ten possible pairings of the five gestures; each gesture beats two of the other gestures and is beaten by the remaining two.



In order to represent the 5 options in a program I suggest using the following assignments:

0 - rock

1 - spock

2 - paper

3 - lizard

4 – scissors

You'll have to figure out the mathematical relationship that indicates a winner or loser.

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III. Once your program plays the game correctly, make the following enhancement. Place all of your program steps (excluding function definitions) in a loop that will execute 10 times. That is, your program should automatically play the game 10 times and then terminate.

- IV. OPTIONAL. If you finish the first three steps quickly you can make the following additional minor enhancement. Have your program count the number of ties, human wins, and computer wins in a round of 10 plays. Print out the results after the ten games have been played.
- Upload your completed program to Sakai → Assignments

## **SCORING RUBRIC:**

- 3 pts Program runs with no syntax errors.
- 3 pts number2string function works correctly
- 1 pt number2string has appropriate comment string
- 3 pts string2number function works correctly
- 1 pt string2number has appropriate comment string
- 2 pts Program prints "Human chooses XXX" where XXX is a string of the form "rock", "paper", "scissors", "lizard" or "Spock".
- 2 pts Program prints "Computer chooses XXX" where XXX is a string of the form "rock", "paper", "scissors", "lizard" or "Spock".
- 2 pts Program prints an appropriate message such as "It's a tie!", "Player wins!" or "Computer wins!" to report outcome.
- 3 pts Program chooses correct winner according to the rules given above.