



## CSC 401 – Introduction to Programming

### Assignment 7

In this assignment, you will create 3 recursive functions as described below.

*You can put the 3 functions in the same file.*

- 1) Create a recursive function based upon the “countdown” function from the text (Chapter 10, pg 332) called “timer” that waits 1 second for each count and prints a message when the countdown expires. Assume all inputs will be integer values. Sample output:

```
timer(5)
5 <1 sec pause>
4 <1 sec pause>
3 <1 sec pause>
2 <1 sec pause>
1 <1 sec pause>
Timer Done
```

- 2) Create a function “find\_file” that accepts a full directory path parameter (i.e., *C:\Users\cs401\Desktop\Docs*) and a file name parameter (i.e., *MyFile.txt*) that recursively searches all folders and subfolders under the provided path for the specified filename. When found, the full file pathname should be printed. *Note there may be multiple files that match the specified name.* If the file is not found, nothing should be printed. If listing the files in a folder results in a *PermissionError* – skip that folder but continue processing. Sample output:

```
find_file("C:\\Users\\cs401\\Desktop\\Docs", "build.xml")

C:\Users\Hieldc\Desktop\Docs\Arrays\Arrays\build.xml
C:\Users\Hieldc\Desktop\Docs\comm\Client\build.xml
C:\Users\Hieldc\Desktop\Docs\JavaApplication41\build.xml
```

- 3) Assume a game (like monopoly) has fake money that needs to be distributed as efficiently as possible throughout the game. Create a function that accepts a dollar amount (i.e., \$126) and *returns* a string indicating the most efficient set of paper bills that make up that amount (i.e., “\$50 \$50 \$20 \$5 \$1”). Assume the set of paper bills available in the game are: \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 & \$50.

Sample inputs & outputs:

\$12	➔	“\$10 \$1 \$1”	\$63	➔	“\$50 \$10 \$1”
\$100	➔	“\$50 \$50”	\$88	➔	“\$50 \$20 \$10 \$5 \$1 \$1 \$1”
\$181	➔	“\$50 \$50 \$50 \$20 \$10 \$1”	\$69	➔	“\$50 \$10 \$5 \$1 \$1 \$1 \$1”

- 4) Create a separate “main” python module that calls/tests each of the above 3 functions

### Submission

- Your submission should consist of 2 Python “.py” files (functions & main), submitted via D2L.
- This assignment is due (submitted via D2L) before the start of class in *1 week*
- NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE ACCEPTED.
- You may email me with any questions on this assignment at any time between now and the due date at [chield@depaul.edu](mailto:chield@depaul.edu) or [christopher.hield@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.hield@gmail.com).