

22.8. Project - Wheel of Python

This project will take you through the process of implementing a simplified version of the game *Wheel of Fortune*. Here are the rules of our game:

- **There are `num_human` human players and `num_computer` computer players.**
 - Every player has *some* amount of money (\$0 at the start of the game)
 - Every player has a set of prizes (none at the start of the game)
- **The goal is to guess a phrase within a category. For example:**
 - Category: **Artist & Song**
 - Phrase: **Whitney Houston's I Will Always Love You**
- **Players see the category and an obscured version of the phrase where every alphanumeric character in the phrase starts out as hidden (using underscores: `_`):**
 - Category: **Artist & Song**
 - Phrase: `_____ ' _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _`
- Note that case (capitalization) does not matter
- **During their turn, every player spins the wheel to determine a prize amount and:**
 - **If the wheel lands on a cash square, players may do one of three actions:**
 - **Guess any letter that hasn't been guessed by typing a letter (a-z)**
 - Vowels (a, e, i, o, u) cost \$250 to guess and can't be guessed if the player doesn't have enough money. All other letters are "free" to guess
 - The player can guess any letter that hasn't been guessed and gets that cash amount for *every time* that letter appears in the phrase
 - If there is a prize, the user also gets that prize (in addition to any prizes they already had)
 - If the letter does appear in the phrase, the user keeps their turn. Otherwise, it's the next player's turn
 - **Example: The user lands on \$500 and guesses 'W'**
 - There are three W's in the phrase, so the player wins \$1500
 - **Guess the complete phrase by typing a phrase (anything over one character that isn't 'pass')**
 - If they are correct, they win the game
 - If they are incorrect, it is the next player's turn
 - **Pass** their turn by entering `'pass'`
 - If the wheel lands on **"lose a turn"**, the player loses their turn and the game moves on to the next player
 - If the wheel lands on **"bankrupt"**, the player loses their turn *and* loses their money but they keep all of the prizes they have won so far.
- The game continues until the entire phrase is revealed (or one player guesses the complete phrase)

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First, let's learn about a few functions and methods that we'll use along the way to do this project. There are no questions to answer in the next four active code windows. They are just here to introduce you to some functions and methods that you may not be aware of. The active code window that starts with "Part A" is where you are first asked to complete code.

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The `time.sleep(s)` function (from the `time` module) delays execution of the next line of code for `s` seconds. You'll find that we can build a little suspense during gameplay with some well-placed delays. The game can also be easier for users to understand if not everything happens instantly.

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```
1 import time
2
3 for x in range(2, 6):
4     print('Sleep {} seconds..'.format(x))
5     time.sleep(x) # "Sleep" for x seconds
6 print('Done!')
7
```

Activity: 1 -- ActiveCode (wof_ac_sleep)

The `random` module includes several useful methods for generating and using random numbers, including:

- `random.randint(min, max)` generates a random number between `min` and `max` (inclusive)
- `random.choice(L)` selects a random item from the list `L`

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```
1 import random
2
3 rand_number = random.randint(1, 10)
4 print('Random number between 1 and 10: {}'.format(rand_number))
5
6 letters = [letter for letter in 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ']
7 rand_letter = random.choice(letters)
8 print('Random letter: {}'.format(rand_letter))
9
```

Activity: 2 -- ActiveCode (wof_ac_rand)

There are also several string methods that we haven't gone over in detail but will use for this project:

- `.upper()` converts a string to uppercase (the opposite is `.lower()`)
- `.count(s)` counts how many times the string `s` occurs inside of a larger string

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```
1 myString = 'Hello, World! 123'
2
3 print(myString.upper()) # HELLO, WORLD! 123
4 print(myString.lower()) # hello, world! 123
5 print(myString.count('l')) # 3
6
7 s = 'python is pythonic'
8 print(s.count('python')) # 2
9
```

Activity: 3 -- ActiveCode (wof_ac_str)

We're going to define a few useful methods for you:

- `getNumberBetween(prompt, min, max)` repeatedly asks the user for a number between `min` and `max` with the prompt `prompt`
- `spinWheel()` simulates spinning the wheel and returns a dictionary with a random prize
- `getRandomCategoryAndPhrase()` returns a tuple with a random category and phrase for players to guess
- `obscurePhrase(phrase, guessed)` returns a tuple with a random category and phrase for players to guess

Take some time to read their implementations below.

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```
1 import json
2 import random
3 import time
4
```

```

5 LETTERS = 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'
6
7 # Repeatedly asks the user for a number between min & max (inclusive)
8 def getNumberBetween(prompt, min, max):
9     userinp = input(prompt) # ask the first time
10
11     while True:
12         try:
13             n = int(userinp) # try casting to an integer
14             if n < min:

```

Activity: 4 -- ActiveCode (wof_ac_other_methods)

Part A: WOFPlayer

We're going to start by defining a class to represent a Wheel of Fortune player, called `WOFPlayer`. Every instance of `WOFPlayer` has three instance variables:

- `.name`: The name of the player (should be passed into the constructor)
- `.prizeMoney`: The amount of prize money for this player (an integer, initialized to `0`)
- `.prizes`: The prizes this player has won so far (a list, initialized to `[]`)

Of these instance variables, only `name` should be passed into the constructor.

It should also have the following methods (note: we will exclude `self` in our descriptions):

- `.addMoney(amt)`: Add `amt` to `self.prizeMoney`
- `.goBankrupt()`: Set `self.prizeMoney` to `0`
- `.addPrize(prize)`: Append `prize` to `self.prizes`
- `.__str__()`: Returns the player's name and prize money in the following format:
 - Steve (\$1800) (for a player with instance variables `.name == 'Steve'` and `prizeMoney == 1800`)

Part B: WOFHumanPlayer

Next, we're going to define a class named `WOFHumanPlayer`, which should inherit from `WOFPlayer` (part A). This class is going to represent a human player. In addition to having all of the instance variables and methods that `WOFPlayer` has, `WOFHumanPlayer` should have an additional method:

- `.getMove(category, obscuredPhrase, guessed)`: Should ask the user to enter a move (using `input()`) and **return whatever string they entered**.

`.getMove()`'s prompt should be:

```

{name} has ${prizeMoney}

Category: {category}
Phrase: {obscured_phrase}
Guessed: {guessed}

Guess a letter, phrase, or type 'exit' or 'pass':

```

For example:

Steve has \$200

Category: Places

Phrase: _L___ER N____N_L P_RK

Guessed: B, E, K, L, N, P, R, X, Z

Guess a letter, phrase, or type 'exit' or 'pass':

The user can then enter:

- 'exit' to exit the game
- 'pass' to skip their turn
- a single character to guess that letter
- a complete phrase (a multi-character phrase other than 'exit' or 'pass') to guess that phrase

Note that `.getMove()` **does not** need to enforce anything about the user's input; that will be done via the game logic that we define in the next ActiveCode window.

Part C: WOFCComputerPlayer

Finally, we're going to define a class named `WOFCComputerPlayer` , which should inherit from `WOFPPlayer` (part A). This class is going to represent a computer player.

Every computer player will have a `difficulty` instance variable. Players with a higher `difficulty` generally play "better". There are many ways to implement this. We'll do the following:

- If there aren't any possible letters to choose (for example: if the last character is a vowel but this player doesn't have enough to guess a vowel), we'll 'pass'
- **Otherwise, semi-randomly decide whether to make a "good" move or a "bad" move on a given turn (a higher difficulty should make it more likely for the player to make a "good" move)**
 - To make a "bad" move, we'll randomly decide on a possible letter.
 - To make a "good" move, we'll choose a letter according to their overall frequency in the English language.

In addition to having all of the instance variables and methods that `WOFPPlayer` has, `WOFCComputerPlayer` should have:

Class variable

- `.SORTED_FREQUENCIES` : Should be set to `'ZQXJKVBYPYGFWMUCLDRHSNIOATE'` , which is a list of English characters sorted from least frequent (`'Z'`) to most frequent (`'E'`). We'll use this when trying to make a "good" move.

Additional Instance variable

- `.difficulty` : The level of difficulty for this computer (should be passed as the second argument into the constructor after `.name`)

Methods

- `.smartCoinFlip()` : This method will help us decide semi-randomly whether to make a "good" or "bad" move. A higher difficulty should make us more likely to make a "good" move. Implement this by choosing a random number between 1 and 10 using `random.randint(1, 10)` (see above) and returning `True` if that random number is greater than `self.difficulty` . If the random number is less than or equal to `self.difficulty` , return `False` .
- **`.getPossibleLetters(guessed)` : This method should return a list of letters that can be guessed.**
 - These should be characters that are in `LETTERS` (`'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'`) but **not** in the `guessed` parameter.

- Additionally, if this player doesn't have enough prize money to guess a vowel (variable `VOWEL_COST` set to 250), then vowels (variable `VOWELS` set to 'AEIOU') should **not** be included
- **`.getMove(category, obscuredPhrase, guessed)` : Should return a valid move.**
 - Use the `.getPossibleLetters(guessed)` method described above.
 - If there aren't any letters that can be guessed (this can happen if the only letters left to guess are vowels and the player doesn't have enough for vowels), return 'pass'
 - **Use the `.smartCoinFlip()` method to decide whether to make a “good” or a “bad” move**
 - If making a “good” move (`.smartCoinFlip()` returns `True`), then return the most frequent (highest index in `.SORTED_FREQUENCIES`) possible character
 - If making a “bad” move (`.smartCoinFlip()` returns `False`), then return a random character from the set of possible characters (use `random.choice()`)

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```

1 VOWEL_COST = 250
2 LETTERS = 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'
3 VOWELS = 'AEIOU'
4
5 # Write the WOFPlayer class definition (part A) here
6
7 # Write the WOFHumanPlayer class definition (part B) here
8
9 # Write the WOFComputerPlayer class definition (part C) here
10
11

```

Activity: 5 -- ActiveCode (wof_ac_wof_player)

Putting it together: Wheel of Python

Below is the game logic for the rest of the “Wheel of Python” game. We have implemented most of the game logic. **Start by carefully reading this code and double checking that it all makes sense.** Then, paste your code from the previous code window in the correct places below.

Note 1: we added the following code to ensure that the Python interpreter gives our game time to run:

```
import sys
sys.setExecutionLimit(600000)
```

`sys.setExecutionLimit(ms)` says that we should be able to run our program for `ms` milliseconds before it gets stopped automatically.

Note 2: As you play, you will need to keep scrolling down to follow the game.

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```

1 # PASTE YOUR WOFPlayer CLASS (from part A) HERE
2 # PASTE YOUR WOFHumanPlayer CLASS (from part B) HERE
3 # PASTE YOUR WOFComputerPlayer CLASS (from part C) HERE
4
5
6 import sys
7 sys.setExecutionLimit(600000) # let this take up to 10 minutes
8
9 import json
10 import random
11 import time
12
13 LETTERS = 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'
14 VOWELS = 'AEIOU'
15 VOWEL_COST = 250

```

Activity: 6 -- ActiveCode (wof_ac_final)

Data file: *wheel.json*

```

[
  {
    "type": "cash",
    "text": "$950",
    "value": 950,
    "prize": "A trip to Ann Arbor!"
  },
  {
    "type": "bankrupt",
    "text": "Bankrupt",
    "prize": false
  },
  {
    "type": "loseturn",
    "text": "Lose a turn",
    "prize": false
  },
  {
    "type": "cash",
    "text": "$2500",

```

Data file: *phrases.json*

```
{  
  "Star & Role": [  
    "Adam Sandler As Happy Gilmore",  
    "Anthony Hopkins As Nixon",  
    "Bob Denver As Gilligan",  
    "Candice Bergen As Murphy Brown",  
    "Don Johnson As Nash Bridges",  
    "Eddie Murphy As The Nutty Professor",  
    "Elizabeth Taylor & Richard Burton In Cleopatra",  
    "Fran Drescher As The Nanny",  
    "Jim Carrey As Ace Ventura",  
    "Lea Thompson As Caroline In The City",  
    "Marlo Thomas As That Girl",  
    "Michael Douglas As The American President",  
    "Paul Newman As Butch Cassidy",  
    "Peter Falk As Columbo",  
    "Peter O'Toole As Lawrence Of Arabia",  
    "Pierce Brosnan As James Bond",  
    "Sally Field As Norma Rae",  
    "Sally Field As The Flying Nun",  
  ]  
}
```