Reflection: Part 1

Approaching the former section of MP1, I knew my first step would require me to set a variable for the text comprising the Bliss autograph of the Gettysburg Address. As a string spanning multiple lines in Python, I knew identifying this variable in full would require triple quotes at the beginning and end of its associated string, which did indeed allow me to set the variable, entitled bliss. Once that was written, I researched case folding via StackOverflow, in turn yielding a number of viable candidates for implementation, the most concise being a for statement within which I wrote the following: for all words in bliss, fold words into the lowercase then identify that variable again as bliss. I recognized from past experience that it helps to test out the viability of newly incorporated practices like this one, so I went ahead and printed bliss in its newly identified form, which displayed a lowercase version of the Gettysburg Address as I'd hoped for. I then created the variable for vowels as vows, comprised of a list in which 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u' would appear. Moving forward, I had some trouble dealing with an unsupported operand type for integers and strings but realized that this error was due to the fact that I hadn't explained to Python that each vowel within bliss should be equal to the integer of 1. I did my fair share of researching as to how I might resolve this problem without nesting multiple for and if statements within one another, and I came across the method of identifying the integer of 1 to a variable (i.e. v) in bliss if v also exists within vows. This approach entailed that I declare the for and if statements together inside of a list, which in turn would operate inside of a set, whose function would be sum in order to compile each iteration of v given those conditionals — all of which I identified as vowel_count. Ultimately, my final line consisted of printing vowel_count, which then yielded 449.

Reflection: Part 2

In approaching the latter section of MP2, I believe the first step was the one that took me the longest to surpass, if only because it required setting the correct parameters among the for statement. To begin, that is, I impulsively wrote the following for statement — "for num in (1 - 100):" — which I quickly realized warranted a range () function in order for Python to plot out the variables between 1 and 100. I also recognized that I needed a comma rather than a dash, and that I need the full range to be 1 and 101 in order for the number of 100 to be inclusive among my output. Afterward, my next problem was formatting my Python code so that "fizzbuzz" would be printed for all multiples of both 3 and 5 to be included, because my preexisting code would stop computing with multiples of 3, rather than of 3 and 5. In order to fix this problem, and knowing that computed multiples of 3 and 5 would together equal zero, I rewrote my code so that when Python combined these two figures to a sum of zero, the output would be consequently print "fizzbuzz." Following this step, the rest of the process was straightforward. I wrote two elif statements for "fizz" and "buzz," then included an else statement for all the remaining numbers that were neither multiples of 3 or 5, which would print those number as their basic integers.