

Python Merit Badge Assessment

Some questions from 2013 SMCM Code Golf Competition

Instructions: do each of the following and submit to your instructor. For all code questions, provide a separate .py file named qn.py where n is the question number. For instance the solution for question 2 should be in a file called q2.py.

- 1.) Describe how Python is used in embedded and rapid electronics prototyping. Identify two specific uses and provide references.
- 2.) Give the code to create a list of even numbers from 0 to 2000, inclusive, in 34 or fewer characters. Do not count the method signature as part of the 34 characters.
- 3.) Given an array that contains some subset of the natural numbers, one of the natural numbers is repeated. The array is in no given order. Write a method to determine the repeated number (the array will be passed in as a parameter). Do this in 52 or fewer characters.
- 4.) Write a method that takes an ASCII encoded string as a parameter that contains only 1's and 0's, and returns a string consisting of only 2's and 1's such that each 2 corresponds to a 1 in the original string and each 1 corresponds to a 0. For instance on method call q4("10101") it will return "21212". Do this in 47 or fewer characters.
- 5.) Write a method that takes in two integers, n and k as parameters. The method should return an int that's equal to $n \cdot 2^k$. You can assume all intermediate steps and the result will fit in an int. For instance, for a method call q5(5, 10) the method should return 5120. Do this in 18 or fewer characters.
- 6.) Write an interpreter for the brainf*ck language. Input will be passed to the method via a string parameter of ASCII characters and may be up to 30,000 characters in length. Input and output should be executed as specified by the brainf*ck language. You do not need to accommodate for nested loops. Do this in 320 or fewer characters.