



# Magic 8 Ball

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# Generating Random Numbers

- Python has a *module* for generating random numbers called... *random*
- Before using functions in the `random` module, you must **import** it:

```
import random
```

- The `random` module contains *many* functions for generating random numbers.
  - Peruse its documentation! <https://docs.python.org/3/library/random.html>
- The function we'll use is the `randint` function.

```
response: int = random.randint(0, 2)
```

"Let `response` be a number variable that is assigned the result of calling the `random` function with the arguments 0 and 2."

- The two numbers we "give" to the `randint` function specify the bounds of the random integer generated (a number between 0 and 2, inclusive).
  - At a Python REPL, after importing the `random` module, try `help(random.randint)`
  - Read its documentation online: <https://docs.python.org/3/library/random.html#random.randint>

# Hands-on: Magic 8-Ball

- Start a new program in the lessons directory named `ls09_8ball.py`, add the random response variable initialization:

```
import random  
question: str = input("Ask a yes/no question...")  
response: int = random.randint(0, 2)
```

- Write a nested if-then-else statement that will:

```
if the response variable is equal to zero,  
then print "Very doubtful"  
otherwise,  
    if response is equal to one, then print "Ask again later",  
    otherwise, print "It is certain"
```

- Check-in on [pollev.com/compunc](http://pollev.com/compunc) when your program prints one of these 3 messages each time you run it with **`python -m comp110.lessons.ls09_8ball`**

# Repeating a Game

```
is_playing: bool = True

while is_playing:
    question: str = input("Ask a yes/no question: ")
    response: int = random.randint(0, 2)
    is_playing: bool = True
    if response == 0:
        print("Very doubtful")
    else:
        if response == 1:
            print("Ask again later")
        else:
            print("It is certain.")
# TODO
```

**Let's add a loop and a bit of extra logic.**

# Hands-on: Stopping the Loop

1. Notice the `while` loop's condition is the current value of `is_playing`
2. Underneath the `TODO`, implement the following logic:
3. Assign to `is_playing` the result of asking for `input "Continue? yes/no "` and testing whether the input `str` is equal to `"yes"`.
4. Save and test. You should be able to respond "no" and the game stops, "yes" and you can ask another question.
5. Check-in on [PollEv.com/compunc](https://pollev.com/compunc) and try to think through *why* the loop stops.

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    is_playing = input("Play again? yes/no ") == "yes"

print("Have a great day!")
```