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Thread: [Y or N in input](#)

Baba Yaga - November 7, 2015, 1:05 pm

So I recently saw a thread on hackforums asking how to ask only for a 'y' or 'n' input from the user and how to make it keep asking the person that question until the right input has been reached. Since it was still an open-ended question, I decided to answer it.

The thread I am talking about is here:

[http://hackforums\(.\)net/showthread.php?tid=5042581](http://hackforums(.)net/showthread.php?tid=5042581)

PHP Code

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<?php
while True:
    play = raw_input("Ready to play? (Y/N): ").lower()
    if play != "y" and play != "n":
        print ("You have not selected Y or N. Please select a valid option.")

    if play == "y":
        print ("Let the game's begin")
        break #replace break code with thing you want to actually execute
    elif play == "n":
        print ("Ok you don't want to play")
        break
```

Credits:

Evolution - help with appending .lower() for more universal input

Hope Aged finds this thread useful ?

SavageAF - November 7, 2015, 1:06 pm

I'll pm him the link to this thread if he still needs it

Baba Yaga - November 7, 2015, 1:12 pm

(Nov 7, 2015 02:06 PM)SavageAF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'll pm him the link to this thread if he still needs it
Thank you ?

SavageBoys - November 7, 2015, 1:19 pm

Change the Y/Ns in the ifs to lowercase and append .lower() to the raw_input line to avoid case issues.

Baba Yaga - November 7, 2015, 1:35 pm

(Nov 7, 2015 02:19 PM)Ev?luti?n Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Change the Y/Ns in the ifs to lowercase and append .lower() to the raw_input line to avoid case issues.

I thought of doing that too, but wanted to ask Aged first if he wanted it that way. I'll edit OP to what you mentioned and put you in credits

Retribute - November 7, 2015, 2:32 pm

I had already PM'd him the full code.

Ruby On Rails - November 8, 2015, 8:22 am

I ended up using

PHP Code

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play = input("Ready to play? (Y/N): ")
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while play != "Y" and play != "N":
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Baba Yaga - November 8, 2015, 9:24 am

(Nov 8, 2015 09:22 AM)Aged™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I ended up using

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Sorry, it should be just input(). I coded this back in Python 2.7; I'm a dinosaur I know lol

SavageBoys - November 8, 2015, 12:10 pm

(Nov 8, 2015 10:24 AM)SwagMeister1337 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sorry, it should be just input(). I coded this back in Python 2.7; I'm a dinosaur I know lol

Don't let the version numbers fool you, think of everything above 2.7 as sort of the development branch.

2.7 is very much still the primary with 2.7.10 having been released last May.

idkyou - November 8, 2015, 1:29 pm

Theres also no reason to have if-elif condition be checked if input != 'y' or 'n'

JaINTP - November 9, 2015, 4:13 pm

If you're going to do anything, do it right.

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