# code.sprint

## **TASK BOOKLET**

- Final Round -

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## **Final Round Schedule**

Task Analysis (10 min)

Task Development (90 min)

Interval (15 min)

Continuation of Task Development (90 min)

Task Submission (5 min)

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### LingoQuest - Text-based Wordle Game!

This challenge requires the development of a text-based game called "LingoQuest". The game is a variation of the popular Wordle game, where players attempt to guess a five-letter target word within six attempts. You need to implement the core game mechanics, including user input, feedback, and validation.



#### Functionality #1: Game Play

- 1. LingoQuest allows the player to play against the 'Computer', or against another Player. The game should ask the user whether to play in one-player mode or two-player mode or to exit the game.
- 2. The user should enter [1] to play in one-player mode, [2] to play in two-player mode or [exit] to quit the game.
- 3. If the player chooses to play in one-player mode, the program should randomly choose a five-letter target word from a list of words. Check table 1 below for the list of words to be hard coded.

apple	lemon	mango	dance	tiger
clock	mouse	pizza	chair	water

Table	1:	List	of	words	
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4. If the player chooses to play in two-player mode, the first player should enter the target five-letter word, the screen is then cleared, and the second player should then guess the word.Hint: you can use the " / f" escape character to clear the screen.

#### Functionality #2: Game Rules

- 1. Limit the number of guesses to six chances per game.
- 2. Provide feedback on each guess using symbols or emojis to indicate correct letters in the correct or wrong positions, or incorrect letters, such as the below:

Emoji or symbol	Description
✔ or '+'	letter in the correct position.
<b>╬</b> or ' ? '	letter exists in the target word but not in correct position.
🗙 or ' — '	letter is not present in the target word.

For example, if the secret word is 'lemon' and the user enters the word 'lingo', the feedback might be + - ? - ? or  $\checkmark \times \times \times \times \times$ 

Note: if a player enters a word with two identical letters, and only one of those letters matches a letter in the secret word, prioritize marking the first occurrence and indicate the second occurrence with a '-' or  $\ge$ .

- 3. Provide the player with the option to end the guessing process during gameplay by entering the word 'exit'.
- 4. Display a proper message when the user guesses the target word.
- 5. Display a proper message and the target word if the player fails to guess it.

#### Functionality #3: Validation

- 1. Ensure that the user enters [1], [2] or [X] to choose player mode or to quit the game.
- 2. During gameplay, ensure that the user input is a five-letter word consisting of alphabetical characters only, except when the user enters 'exit' to stop guessing the target word.
- 3. User input is not case sensitive.
- 4. Validation is required to avoid any possible runtime error.
- 5. Provide appropriate error messages and allow users to re-enter their input.
- 6. The player's chances to guess the target word is unaffected by any invalid user input.

#### Functionality #4: User Interface

Implement a text-based user interface that:

- 1. allows players to input game mode and their guesses through the command line or console.
- 2. displays the feedback for each guess after the player submits it.
- 3. provides an option for the player to play again or exit the game.

\*Refer to screenshot 1 below for a comprehensive sample user interface.

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* LINGO QUEST *
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Choose Game Mode
[1] Player Mode
[2] Player mode
E[x]it game
>> 1
Guess the five-letter secret word
or enter [exit] to quit the game.
Attempts: 6
>> hello
Feedback: XXXXX
Attempts: 5
>> candy
Feedback: * </ >
Attempts: 4
>> bacon
Feedback: X✓★X★
Attempts: 3
>> narco
Feedback: ★✔X✔X
Attempts: 2
>> backup
Invalid input.
Please enter a valid five-letter word or [exit] game.
Attempts: 2
>> fancy
Feedback: XVVVX
Attempts: 1
>> lance
Feedback: XVVVV
You ran out of attempts
   Secret word was DANCE
Choose Game Mode
[1] Player Mode
[2] Player mode
E[x]it game
>> X
Thank you for playing LingoQuest!
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Screenshot 1: Sample user-interface

Name the class containing the main method **RunApp**. Submit your program in a folder named **LingoQuest** 

#### **Assessment Rubric**

Overall Program Functionality	User- Friendly Interface	Proper use of Comments	Proper Conventions (Camel case, meaningful var names etc.)	Name of Folder & Class/es	User Input	Suitable Prompts / Messages displayed
One or Two player game modes	Random choice of Target Word	Update user attempts remaining	Show the clue code according to rules	Proper use of data structures and/or files	Maximum Score: 38 + 2 for every extra feature.	
Validations						
Game mode or Exit	Guesses are five-letter alphabetical words	Invalid guess does not affect attempts	5 Instruction Case Sensitivity	Avoid Runtime errors	Modular Code	Code Efficiency
0 – Not Satisfactorily   1- Partly Satisfactorily   2- Entirely Satisfactorily						



