

day34 prime number finder

Due: Tuesday 11/2, 6th period

Wednesday 11/3, 7th period

Your task is to write a program that finds and prints all the prime numbers between whatever two numbers the user enters. For example, if the user enters 3 and 11, your program will print the following:

```
We're going to find prime numbers.
Enter the first number: 3
Enter the last number: 11

3      5      7      11

4 prime numbers found between 3 and 11
```

Make sure your program actually checks the last number, as shown above. See that it checked and found that 11 was prime?

Requirements:

- Write a function called "prime" which does the checking. The function should return "True" if a number is prime, and "False" if the number is not prime.
- Print the prime numbers in 5 columns.
- Report how many prime numbers were found at the end.
- Use try/except structures to make sure the user enters two valid numbers for the start and the end values.
- Also add a check to make sure that the end value is larger than the start value.

Tips:

1. We have recently done programs where we figured out if a number is prime. You can find and use that code from before.

2. Because the function returns True or False, you can and should do an if statement where you check each number, like this:

```
if prime(n):
```

That's the same as saying "if prime(n) == True:".

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Sample run:

```
We're going to find prime numbers.  
Enter a starting value: 22  
Enter an ending value: 2  
The end value has to be higher than the start value.
```

```
Enter a starting value: 1  
Enter an ending value: 300
```

```
2      3      5      7      11  
13     17     19     23     29  
31     37     41     43     47  
53     59     61     67     71  
73     79     83     89     97  
101    103    107    109    113  
127    131    137    139    149  
151    157    163    167    173  
179    181    191    193    197  
199    211    223    227    229  
233    239    241    251    257  
263    269    271    277    281  
283    293
```

62 primes found between 1 and 300

Another sample:

```
We're going to find prime numbers.  
Enter a starting value: 1000  
Enter an ending value: 1500
```

```
1009   1013   1019   1021   1031  
1033   1039   1049   1051   1061  
1063   1069   1087   1091   1093  
1097   1103   1109   1117   1123  
1129   1151   1153   1163   1171  
1181   1187   1193   1201   1213  
1217   1223   1229   1231   1237  
1249   1259   1277   1279   1283  
1289   1291   1297   1301   1303  
1307   1319   1321   1327   1361  
1367   1373   1381   1399   1409  
1423   1427   1429   1433   1439  
1447   1451   1453   1459   1471  
1481   1483   1487   1489   1493  
1499
```

71 primes found between 1000 and 1500
The process took 0.564054012298584 seconds.

In my last example I added code to keep track of how long the whole run took. You can do that if you want. Add "import time" at the top, then before the main for loop say `startTime = time.time()`. Then after you print the summary message, say `endTime = time.time()`. Then to see how many seconds the whole thing took, subtract **startTime** from **endTime**:

```
print(endTime-startTime, "seconds")
```

This is optional, I just wanted to share it.