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99 Bottles of Beer

The Song Lyrics

It starts with this:

99 bottles of beer on the wall,
99 bottles of beer.
Take one down and pass it around,
98 bottles of beer on the wall.

98 bottles of beer on the wall,
98 bottles of beer.
Take one down and pass it around,
97 bottles of beer on the wall.

97 bottles of beer on the wall,
97 bottles of beer.
Take one down and pass it around,
96 bottles of beer on the wall.

How Does the Song End?

1 bottle of beer on the wall,
1 bottle of beer.
Take one down and pass it around,
No more bottles of beer on the wall.

No more bottles of beer on the wall,
No more bottles of beer.
Go to the store and buy some more,
99 bottles of beer on the wall.

Some Questions!

How many total verses are there? 100
How many verses are similar? 97 (verses 99 bottles through 3 bottles)
How many verses are different? 3 (2 bottles, 1 bottle, 0 bottles)

What is the general structure of the problem?

All 100 Verses!

www.99-bottles-of-beer.net

- This website has programs in over 1500 languages that produce the lyrics to 99 Bottles of Beer
- http://www.99-bottles-of-beer.net/
- And for each language there may be 5-10 versions

Why 99 Bottles of Beer?

- Why would somebody collect the 99 bottles song in almost every known programming language?
- It is an elegant way to demonstrate all three structures that make a language Turing complete
  - Sequential Execution
  - Iteration (looping)
  - Selection (branching)
- Multiple versions show different styles and/or features for any given language
Using Stepwise Refinement

- Model the solution in English, breaking down larger problems into smaller problems that will be addressed by a single function
- Translate the English into pseudo-code or code stubs
- Translate to Python

```python
def StandardVerse(n):
    print ('This produces the verse for %s bottles of beer on the wall.' % n)
    print ('')
def TwoBottles():
    print ('This produces the verse for 2 bottles.')
    print ('')
def OneBottle():
    print ('This produces the verse for 1 bottle.')
    print ('')
def NoBottles():
    print ('This produces the verse for no bottles.')
    print ('')

for n in range(99, 2, -1):
    StandardVerse(n)
    TwoBottles()
    OneBottle()
    NoBottles()
```

Sidebar – The Language Wars

- Some people get hung up on the idea that language A is "better" than language B
- A bit silly because the question is somewhat meaningless unless accompanied by an answer to the question "For what?"
- But it does at least lead to some humour at times …
Perl is Better Than Python

Python is Better than Perl

Ruby is Better than Python

Try this in IDLE

```python
import this
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