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# Python if statements 

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## If-else

Topics to be covered:

- If-else branches (general)
- If-else statement
- Equality and relational operators
- More if-else

Additional topics:

- Boolean operators and expressions
- Membership and identity operators


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Example: Let's look through the following code
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print("I passed the class! Hooray!")
else:
print("Bummer! I will have to re-take this class!")

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(evaluated to a Boolean value: True or False)
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If we type the following commands in the Python shell, we will get the responses highlighted with blue
>>> 2==2
True
>>> $2<3$
True
>>> $3>7$
False
>>> $5>9$ or $2<3$
True

## If-else statement

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test_score = float(input("Enter test score:"))
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print("This is an A grade!")
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print("This is a B grade!")
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## Equality operators

An equality operator checks whether two operands' values are the same (==) or different (! $=$ ).
Note that equality is $==$, not just $=$.

| Equality operators | Description | Example (assume $x$ is 3 ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| == | $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{b}$ means $a$ is equal to $b$ | $x==3$ is true $x==4$ is false |
| != | $\mathrm{a}!=\mathrm{b}$ means $a$ is not equal to $b$ | $x!=3$ is false <br> $x!=4$ is true |

An expression evaluates to a Boolean value.
A Boolean is a type that has just two values: True or False.

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## Relational operators

A relational operator checks how one operand's value relates to another, like being greater than.

| Relational operators | Description | Example (assume x is 3 ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| < | a < b means $a$ is less than $b$ | $x<4$ is true <br> $x<3$ is false |
| > | $a>b$ means $a$ is greater than $b$ | $x>2$ is true $x>3$ is false |
| <= | $\mathrm{a}<=\mathrm{b}$ means <br> $a$ is less than or equal to $b$ | $x<=4$ is true <br> $x<=3$ is true <br> $x<=2$ is false |
| >= | a >= b means $a$ is greater than or equal to b | $x>=2$ is true <br> $x>=3$ is true <br> $x>=4$ is false |

## Equality and relational operators

## Operator chaining

Python supports operator chaining.
Example: $\mathrm{a}<\mathrm{b}<\mathrm{c}$ determines whether $\mathbf{b}$ is greater-than $\mathbf{a}$ but less-than $\mathbf{c}$.

Chaining performs comparisons left to right, evaluating a < b first.

- If the result is true, then $b<c$ is evaluated next.
- If the result of the first comparison $a<b$ is false, then there is
- no need to continue evaluating the rest of the expression.


## Equality and relational operators

In-class work: see the handout, problems 1-5

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More if-else

## In-class Activity

See exercises 6-7

## Boolean operators and expressions

## Booleans and Boolean operators

A Boolean refers to a value that is either True or False.
These two are constants in Python.

- we can assign a Boolean value by specifying True or False, x = True
- an expression can evaluate to a Boolean value

$$
y>10
$$

## Boolean operators and expressions

## and operator

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The Boolean expression $a$ and $b$ is True if and only if both $a$ and $b$ are True.

| a | b | a and b |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| True | True | True |
| True | False | False |
| False | True | False |
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Examples: assume that $\mathrm{a}=8$ and $\mathrm{b}=3$, then the Boolean value of

1) ( $\mathrm{a}>10$ ) and $(\mathrm{b}<5)$ is False
2) ( $\mathrm{a}!=10$ ) and ( $\mathrm{b}>1$ ) is True

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1) $\operatorname{not}(a>10)$ is True
2) $\operatorname{not}(a * b>20)$ is False

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## Booleans and Boolean operators

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## Order of evaluation

## Precedence rules

The order in which operators are evaluated in an expression is known as precedence of operators.

| operator | description | Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| () | parentheses are evaluated first | $(2+5 * 3)-(5 / 6+2 * 4)$ |
| $\begin{array}{llll} + & \underbrace{*} & \text { / } \\ \% & / / & * * \end{array}$ | arithmetic operations next (in their order) | $10-2 * * 5>=10 \% 7$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \ll=> \\ & >===\text { != } \end{aligned}$ | then comparisons and membership operators | $a>9$ and $b$ in $[1,2,3]$ |
| not | negation operator next | not ( $\mathrm{a}>9$ ) or $\mathrm{b}==2$ |
| and | conjunction (and) next | $a>9$ or $\mathrm{a}<0$ and $\mathrm{b}>1$ |
| Or | disjunction (or) last | $a>9$ or $\mathrm{a}<0$ and $\mathrm{b}>1$ |

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Example: Let's evaluate the Boolean expression below for $\mathrm{g}=12, \mathrm{~b}=$ True, and $\mathrm{a}=17$
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## Boolean operators and expressions

In-class work

Exercises 8-10

## Membership and identity operators

## Membership operators: in/not in

Quite often we need to check is a value can be or cannot be found within a container, such as a list or dictionary.
in and not in operators, known as membership operators, can help us!

## Example:

num = int(input("Enter an integer:")) myContainer $=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]$
if num in myContainer:
print("Found it! It is in myContainer!")
else: print("Nope. It is not in myContainer.")

## Membership and identity operators

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## Example:

name = int(input("Enter a name:"))
MyNamesContainer = \{
"Maria" : 23,
"Anna"", 19,
"Jack""
"Alex",
"John"" 12,
$18\}$
if name in myNamesContainer:
print("Found it! It is corresponds to", MyNamesContainer[name])
else: print("No such name in the container.")

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name = int(input("Enter a name:"))
MyNamesContainer = \{
"Maria" : 23,
"Anna"": 19,
"Jack"": 5,
"Ale"" 12,
"John" : 18$\}$
if name in myNamesContainer: print("Found it! It is corresponds to", MyNamesContainer[name])
else: print("No such name in the container.")

## Membership and identity operators

## Identity operators: is/is not

Sometimes we want to determine whether two variables are the same object.
is and is not operators, known as identity operators, can help us out!

Identity operators return True only if the operands reference the same object (they do not compare object's values).

## Membership and identity operators

## Identity operators: is/is not

## Example:

myContainer $=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]$
otherContainer $=[9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1]$
a = myContainer
b = otherContainer
$\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{b}$
if a is myContainer:
print("a is myContainter!")
elif a is otheContainer:

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elif a is otheContainer:
print("a is otherContainter!")
else: print("I have no idea that is a!")

Membership and identity operators

In-class work

Exercise 11

## Code blocks and indentation

Consider the following code fragment:
if $a>5:$
myString = input("Enter a word:") print(myString*a)
e7se:
myNum = int(input("Enter an integer:")) print (myNum-a)

## Code blocks and indentation

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Caution: be consistent!
Either use 4 spaces or a Tab (3 spaces)

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## Enter an integer: 10

## Code blocks and indentation

Consider the following code fragment:

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### 9.9 Conditional expressions

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Example:

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x=5 \text { if } a<10 \text { else } x=6
$$

## Conditional expressions

In-class Activity

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