

Conditionals in Python

1. Core Practice Exercises

1.1 Predict the Output

For each, predict True or False (or the actual printed result) before running:

`5 < 5` or `5 == 5`

`10 >= 2` and not `3 > 5`

`'cat' < 'catalog'`

`'Hi' and "` # ??

`bool('False')` # ??

1.2 Hot or Mild

Ask the user for an integer temperature and print "Hot" if ≥ 30 , otherwise print "Mild".

1.3 Mixed Comparison

`a = 0`

`print(10 > a != False)` # Explain why this prints True or False

2. Exercises

e 1 – Character Classifier

Ask for one character. Print whether it is an **Uppercase letter**, **Lowercase letter**, **Digit**, or **Other**.

e 2 – Password Strength Hints

Ask for a password string.

- If it contains a space → print "No spaces allowed"
- If its length < 8 → print "Too short"

- Otherwise → print "Length OK"

e 3 – Substring Finder

Ask for two strings text and pattern. Print whether the pattern occurs inside the text.

e 4 – Range Reporter

Ask the user for a number 0-100 and print which decade bucket (0-9, 10-19, ..., 90-100) it falls in.

3. Challenges

Challenge 1 – Second-Degree Equation Solver

Solve $ax^2+bx+c=0$ for user-supplied a, b, c. Print the real roots (two, one, or none) or that it is not quadratic.

Challenge 2 – Triangle Classifier

Ask for three side lengths. Check validity and print whether the triangle is **Equilateral**, **Isosceles**, **Scalene**, or invalid.

Challenge 3 – Leap-Year Detector

Ask for a year and print whether it is leap.

Challenge 4– Tax-Bracket Calculator

Ask for income and print the applicable tax-rate bracket.

Challenge 5 – Coordinate Quadrant

Ask for x and y and print which quadrant the point lies in, or whether it is on an axis or at the origin.

Challenge 6 – Letter Gradebook

Ask for a numeric mark (0-100) and print the letter grade (A/B/C/D/F).

Challenge 7 – Simple Calculator

Ask for two numbers and an operator symbol (+ − * /). Perform calculation or print an error.

Challenge 8 – Even–Odd–Zero Classifier

Ask for an integer. Print "Zero" if 0, "Even" if divisible by 2, otherwise "Odd".

4. A real case – ISO Date Validator + Day-of-Year Calculator

Task

Write a program that:

1. Reads a date string in the exact format YYYY-MM-DD.
2. Validates:
 - Year is 1...9999.
 - Month is 1...12.
 - Day is valid for that month (leap-year aware).
 - The string contains exactly two dashes at positions 4 and 7 and all other characters are digits.
3. If invalid, print a clear message: Invalid format / Invalid year / Invalid month / Invalid day.
4. If valid, print:
 - Valid: YYYY-MM-DD
 - Leap year: Yes/No
 - Day of year: N

Constraints:

- No loops, no functions, no imports.
- Use only string slicing, membership checks, int(), arithmetic, if / elif / else.

Hints

- Use `date_str[4]` and `date_str[7]` to check separators.
- Use `.isdigit()` to check numeric parts.
- Use leap-year test: $(\text{year} \% 4 == 0 \text{ and } \text{year} \% 100 != 0) \text{ or } (\text{year} \% 400 == 0)$.
- Compute day-of-year by cumulative month lengths plus an extra day after February if leap.

Example Valid Inputs

- 2024-02-29 → leap year; day 60.
- 2023-03-01 → non-leap; day 60.
- 1999-12-31 → valid; day 365.

Example Invalid Inputs

- 20240229 (no dashes)
- 2024/02/29 (wrong separators)
- 2021-02-29 (non-leap Feb 29)
- 2024-04-31 (April has 30)