

# Turtle Graphics, Casting, Comparison Operators and Loops

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# Basic Data Types

- **float** vs **int**: a number that has a **decimal point** is a **float**, otherwise, it is an **int**
- Lastly, the **bool** data type stores a boolean value which should be either **True** or **False** (note that T and F are upper-case):  
is\_child: **float** = **False**
- A summary is found below:

Type	Min Value	Max Value	Comment
<b>int</b>	$-2^{63} - 1$	$2^{63} - 1$	$2^{63} = 9, 223, 372, 036, 854, 775, 808$ (integers only)
<b>float</b>	$2.22\text{e}-308$	$1.79\text{e}308$	Supports 300-digit <b>decimal</b> value
<b>str</b>	Supports text of zero or more characters ("" is zero length)		
<b>bool</b>	Supports only two values: <b>True</b> or <b>False</b>		

**Table:** The basic data types in Python

# Commenting Python Code

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- It is important for developers to write comments in the code to further explain what is it doing. Comments are **not** executed by the program but there for human beings to understand what is going on. To write a comment, use the hashtag symbol (#) followed by your comment:

```
import turtle
# The first comment
print("Hello world!") # This line will print Hello World! on console
```

```
t = turtle.Turtle()
```

```
t.forward(100)
```

```
turtle.done()
```

Some notes:

- The rest of the line will be considered as a comment not code
- Comments must be on the same line that has a (#)
- Having a multi-line comment only works if the comment has a (#)

# Importing Modules

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- Python is the most used programming language because of its simple syntax and the sheer amount of available modules
- A *module* is a collection of code that is written once and then shared with people to use
- To use a module, we import it first by placing the import statement at the *very* top of the file
- For example, the following code imports the math module from the standard library<sup>1</sup>:

```
import math
```

And use the functions it contains, such as the square root function:

```
print(math.sqrt(64)) # prints 8.0
```



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<sup>1</sup>The standard library is a collection of code that was written by Python developers and everyone who uses Python has access to it

# The Turtle Library

Function	Description (assuming the turtle is referred to as t)
forward(x)	Moves forward x units <b>Example:</b> t.forward(100)
backward(x)	Moves backwards x units <b>Example:</b> t.forward(100)
right(x)	Turns x degrees to the right (always starts pointing $\rightarrow$ which is $0^\circ$ ) <b>Example:</b> t.right(180)
left(x)	Turns x degrees to the left (always starts pointing $\rightarrow$ which is $0^\circ$ ) <b>Example:</b> t.left(45)
goto(xval, yval)	Sets the x and y coordinate as xval and yval, respectively, and moves to new location <b>Example:</b> t.goto(50, 100)
setx(val)	Sets the x coordinate value as val and moves to new location <b>Example:</b> t.setx(200)
sety(val)	Sets the y coordinate value as val and moves to new location <b>Example:</b> t.sety(150)
xcor()	Returns the current x coordinate value of the turtle as a float <b>Example:</b> t.xcor() or print(t.xcor()) to see the value
ycor()	Returns the current y coordinate value of the turtle as a float <b>Example:</b> t.ycor() or print(t.ycor()) to see the value
speed()	Returns the speed of the turtle as an int and the default value is 3 <b>Example:</b> t.speed() or print(t.speed()) to see the value

# The Turtle Library

Function	Description (assuming the turtle is referred to as <code>t</code> )
<code>speed(s)</code>	Sets the speed of the turtle as <code>s</code> . Use 3 for slow, 6 for normal, 10 for fast and 0 for super fast. The default value is 3. <b>Example:</b> <code>t.speed(6)</code>
<code>heading()</code>	Returns the current angle as a <code>float</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>t.heading()</code> or <code>print(t.heading())</code> to see the value
<code>home()</code>	Moves turtle to the middle of screen ( <i>i.e.</i> , (0, 0)) facing to the right <b>Example:</b> <code>t.home()</code>
<code>circle(r)</code>	Draws a circle of radius <code>r</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>t.circle(16)</code>
<code>showturtle()</code>	Shows the turtle pen ( <i>i.e.</i> ,  ) on the screen (which is the default) <b>Example:</b> <code>t.showturtle()</code>
<code>hideturtle()</code>	Hides the turtle pen ( <i>i.e.</i> ,  ) off the screen <b>Example:</b> <code>t.hideturtle()</code>
<code>pendown()</code>	Sets the pen down to draw (which is the default) <b>Example:</b> <code>t.pendown()</code>
<code>penup()</code>	Ensures the pen is up so that the turtle wouldn't draw anything <b>Example:</b> <code>t.penup()</code>
<code>pensize()</code>	Return the current pen size as an <code>int</code> (1 by default) <b>Example:</b> <code>t.pensize()</code> or <code>print(t.pensize())</code> to see the value
<code>pensize(x)</code>	Sets the pen width as <code>x</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>t.pensize(3)</code>

# The Turtle Library

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<code>pencolor(c)</code>	Sets the pen color to the specified colour <code>c</code> , which is a <code>str</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>t.pencolor("red")</code>
<code>fillcolor(c)</code>	Sets the fill color to the specified colour <code>c</code> , which is a <code>str</code> . It shows the effect when used with <code>t.begin_fill()</code> and <code>t.end_fill()</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>t.fillcolor("magenta")</code>
<code>color(p, f)</code>	Sets the pen colour as <code>p</code> , the fill color as <code>f</code> and both <code>p</code> and <code>f</code> are <code>strs</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>t.color("blue", "yellow")</code>
<code>begin_fill()</code>	Ensures to turn on the colour-filling mechanism (don't forget to add <code>end_fill()</code> after completing the drawings of the figure) <b>Example:</b> <code>t.end_fill()</code>
<code>end_fill()</code>	Ensures to turn off the colour-filling mechanism (don't forget to add <code>start_fill()</code> before completing the drawings of the figure) <b>Example:</b> <code>t.end_fill()</code>
<code>reset()</code>	Clears all the drawings and brings the turtle to (0, 0) pointing → <b>Example:</b> <code>t.reset()</code>
<code>turtle.bgcolor(c)</code>	Sets the background to the specified colour <code>c</code> , which is a <code>str</code> . <b>Note:</b> this is applied on <code>turtle</code> , <i>not</i> <code>t</code> . <b>Example:</b> <code>turtle.bgcolor("red")</code>
<code>turtle.done()</code>	Allows the window to stay open after completing the drawings. This <b>MUST</b> be placed at the <i>very</i> end of the file. <b>Note:</b> this is applied on <code>turtle</code> , <i>not</i> <code>t</code> . <b>Example:</b> <code>turtle.done()</code>
<code>turtle.title(s)</code>	Changes the title at the top-left of the screen to <code>s</code> , which is a <code>str</code> . <b>Note:</b> this is applied on <code>turtle</code> , <i>not</i> <code>t</code> . <b>Example:</b> <code>turtle.title("APCO 1P00 Assign 1")</code>



## Colour names to use

- In the previous slides, colours were used in functions such as `pencolor`, `fillcolor` and `pencolor`. However, we never mentioned the available colours. Here are the common available colours:

 bisque	 black	 blueviolet	 blue	 brown	 cadetblue
 chocolate	 coral	 crimson	 cyan	 darkgray	 darkgreen
 darkkhaki	 deeppink1	 dodgerblue	 forestgreen	 gold	 gray
 green1	 green2	 green3	 green	 indigo	 ivory1
 ivory2	 ivory3	 lavender	 lightcoral	 lightgray	 lightpink
 limegreen	 linen	 magenta2	 magenta3	 magenta	 maroon1
 maroon2	 maroon3	 maroon	 navyblue	 navy	 olive
 orange	 peru	 pink	 plum	 purple	 red
 silver	 teal	 turquoise	 violet	 white	 yellow

**Figure:** Common available Python colours

# The Math Library

The [Math](#) library/module provides us with all necessary mathematical constants and functions. Here is a list of the popular constants/functions:

Term	Description (place the example given here inside <code>print(...)</code> )
<code>e</code>	The mathematical constant $e = 2.718281828459045$
<code>pi</code>	The mathematical constant $\pi = 3.141592653589793$
<code>pow(x, y)</code>	Returns <code>x</code> raised to the power <code>y</code> (available without the library) <b>Example:</b> <code>pow(7, 2)</code> <b>Output</b> : 49
<code>ceil(x)</code>	Returns the ceiling of <code>x</code> , the smallest integer greater than or equal to <code>x</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>ceil(3.1)</code> <b>Output</b> : 4
<code>floor(x)</code>	Returns the floor of <code>x</code> , the largest integer less than or equal to <code>x</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>floor(4.9)</code> <b>Output</b> : 4
<code>trunc(x)</code>	Returns <code>x</code> with the fractional part removed, leaving the integer part (similar to <code>floor</code> but behaves differently with negative numbers) <b>Example:</b> <code>trunc(5.99999999999)</code> <b>Output</b> : 5

# The Math Library

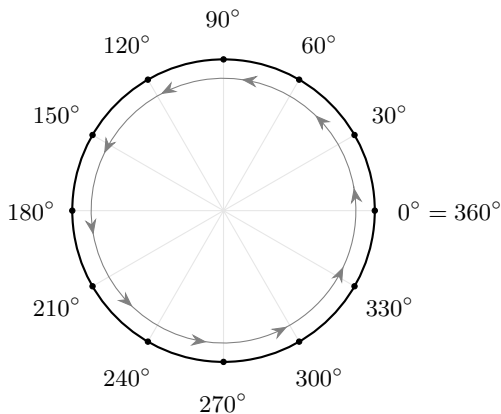
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<code>abs(x)</code>	Returns the absolute value of <code>x</code> (available without the library) <b>Example:</b> <code>abs(-6)</code> <b>Output</b> : 6
<code>fabs(x)</code>	Returns the absolute value of <code>x</code> as a <code>float</code> <b>Example:</b> <code>fabs(-7)</code> <b>Output</b> : 7.0
<code>cos(x)</code>	Returns the cosine of <code>x</code> radians <b>Example:</b> <code>cos(-pi)</code> <b>Output</b> : -1.0
<code>sin(x)</code>	Returns the sine of <code>x</code> radians <b>Example:</b> <code>sin(pi / 2)</code> <b>Output</b> : 1.0
<code>tan(x)</code>	Returns the tangent of <code>x</code> radians <b>Example:</b> <code>tan(pi / 4)</code> <b>Output</b> : 0.9999999999999999 (or 1, occurred due to rounding errors)
<code>degrees(x)</code>	Convert angle <code>x</code> from radians to degrees <b>Example:</b> <code>degrees(pi/2)</code> <b>Output</b> : 90.0
<code>radians(x)</code>	Convert angle <code>x</code> from degrees to radians <b>Example:</b> <code>radians(180)</code> <b>Output</b> : 3.141592653589793

# Understanding Rotations

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- Rotations in Turtle Graphics can be based on degrees or radians
- Degrees are values between  $0^\circ$  and  $359^\circ$  ( $360^\circ$  is the same as  $0^\circ$ , a full rotation) and radians are between 0 and  $2\pi$  or 6.28318531
- By default, the degrees convention is used but can be changed to radian
- The degrees are specified based on the following representation (when facing to the right but using `t.left(...)`):



# Complete Turtle Graphics Example Code I

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```
import turtle

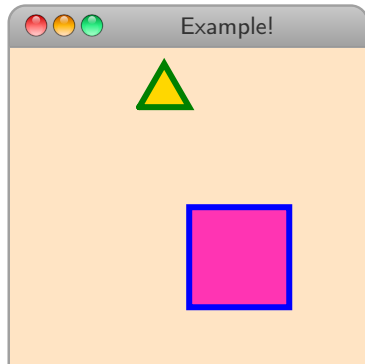
t = turtle.Turtle()
square_length: int = 50
triangle_length: int = 25
turtle.title("Example!")      # sets the window title
turtle.bgcolor("bisque")      # set the background colour
print(t.pensize())           # prints 1
t.pensize(3)                  # now the pen is thicker
print(t.speed())              # prints 3
t.speed(0)                    # super fast!
t.pencolor("blue")
t.fillcolor("maroon1")
# Instead of the two lines above, use the shortcut
# t.color("blue", "maroon1")
t.hideturtle()                # turtle not visible any more
# start drawing a square
t.begin_fill()                # ensures to fill the shape
t.forward(square_length)
print(t.pos())                 # prints (50.00,0.00)
t.right(90)
t.forward(square_length)
t.right(90)
t.forward(square_length)
t.right(90)
t.forward(square_length)
t.right(90)
t.end_fill()                  # stops shape filling
t.penup()                     # nothing will be drawn
```

# Complete Turtle Graphics Example Code II

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```
# Moving to a different location
t.setx(-25)
t.sety(50)
# Instead of the two lines above, use the shortcut
# t.goto(-25, 50)
t.color("green", "gold")    # changing the colours
t.pendown()                # starts drawing again
# start drawing an equilateral triangle
t.begin_fill()
t.forward(triangle_length)
t.left(120)
t.forward(triangle_length)
t.left(120)
t.forward(triangle_length)
t.left(120)
t.end_fill()
t.showturtle()             # turtle is visible

turtle.done()              # keeps the output visible
```



# Incrementing a variable

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- Suppose we have  
`x: int = 7`
- How can we programmatically increment `x` so that it stores the value 8?
- The syntax (*i.e.*, the way to write it in code) is:  
`x = x + 1`  
which is read as “`x` becomes the current value of `x` plus 1”
- To decrement the value of `x` by 1:  
`x = x - 1`
- To multiply the value of `x` by 5:  
`x = x * 5`
- To divide the value of `x` by 5 using integer division<sup>2</sup>:  
`x = x // 5`

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<sup>2</sup>takes the whole number and ignores the decimal points. it doesn't round up nor down, it ignores the decimal points.

# Mathematical Operations

- When dealing with numerical data (`int` or `float`), we are expected to use mathematical operators such as addition, subtraction, etc.
- The order of precedence (*i.e.*, PEDMAS) of Python operations is found below:

Operator	Symbol	Priority	Example	Output
Parentheses	( )	highest	a: <code>int</code> = (5 + 3) * 2	16
Exponent	**	high	b: <code>int</code> = 2 ** 10	1024
Negation	-	high	c: <code>int</code> = -1	-1
Multiplication	*	medium	d: <code>int</code> = 3 * 7	21
Division	/	medium	e: <code>float</code> = 16 / 8	2.0
Integer Division	//	medium	f: <code>int</code> = 8 // 3	2
Modulus	%	medium	g: <code>int</code> = 7 % 2	1
Addition	+	low	h: <code>int</code> = 10 + 9	19
Subtraction	-	low	i: <code>int</code> = 2 - 7	-5

**Table:** The order of precedence of Python operators



# Mathematical Operations

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- Integer division is performing normal division but ignoring the decimal values and taking only the whole integer
  - For example,  $3 / 2 = 1.5$  but  $3 // 2 = 1$  because the .5 was removed
  - Another example,  $10 / 3 = 3.3333333333333333$  but  $10 // 3 = 3$ , as the decimal value .3333333333333333 is ignored
- Modulus (also called “mod”) is the *remainder* of  $x/y$ 
  - For example:  $7 \% 2$  is  ~~$2 \times 3$~~  *remainder 1* (we don't care about  $2 \times 3$ , only the remainder)
  - $8 \% 5$  is  ~~$5 \times 1$~~  *remainder 3*
  - $10 \% 2$  is  ~~$2 \times 5$~~  *remainder 0*
  - $75 \% 100$  is  ~~$100 \times 0$~~  *remainder 75*
  - $1 \% 2$  is  ~~$2 \times 0$~~  *remainder 1*
  - $2 \% 2$  is  ~~$2 \times 1$~~  *remainder 0*
  - $3 \% 2$  is  ~~$2 \times 1$~~  *remainder 1*

# Casting

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- *Casting* is the idea of changing the type of a value/variable, for example:
  - Consider the variable, `x: str = "1.0"`, which stores the text `"1.0"`
  - It is currently seen as text, but can we see it as the decimal value 1.0?  
How about the integer 1?
- Casting allows us to make Python see a value or variable as a different type
- Using the example above, we can use
  - `float(x)` to change the text `"1.0"` to a decimal number 1.0
  - `int(x)` to change the text `"1.0"` to a whole number 1
  - We can place the text directly without the usage of a variable:  
`float("1.0")` or `int("1.0")`
- Overall, we can convert from `str` to `float` or `int` and vice-versa as well as convert from `float` to `int` and vice-versa
- Examples are found on the next slide

# Casting

```
int("1")      # converted from text "1" to integer 1
float("2.0")   # converted from text "2.0" to float 2.0
int(3.0)       # converted from a decimal number 3.0 to whole integer 3
float(4)       # converted from a whole integer 4 to decimal 4.0 (i.e., added .0)
str(5)         # converted from a whole integer 5 to text "5"
str(6.0)       # converted from a decimal number 6.0 to text "6.0"
bool("True")   # converted from text "True" to boolean value True
```

- By default, Python will treat values as strings so expect to frequently cast from `str` to your desired type when reading from a file, user input, etc. (this is later on in the course)

## Finding the Type

To find the type of a variable or value, use `type(...)`. For example, `print(type(5))` will give `<class 'int'>`, concluding that 5 is of the data type `int`.

# Comparison Operators

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- Python provides a way to compare quantities using the operations
- They are used for mathematical comparisons and string comparison

Operator	Definition	Example	Output
<	strictly less than	<code>print(1.0 &lt; 2)</code>	True
<=	less than or equal	<code>print(3 &lt;= 4)</code>	True
>	strictly greater than	<code>print(5 &gt; 6.0)</code>	False
>=	greater than or equal	<code>print(7 &gt;= 8.8)</code>	False
==	equal	<code>print(9 == 10)</code>	False
!=	not equal	<code>print(11.0 != 12)</code>	True

**Table:** The comparison operators in Python

# Printing on the same line

## Printing on Screen

We use `print("...")` to display something on screen. It will display each print statement on a *new* line. To change this and print on the same line, we could also use commas to write the outputs on the same line like so:

```
print("Hey!", "Bye")
```

but this will eventually add a newline at the end

To ensure all of the output is written on the *same* line, we add `end=" "` to the end of the print statement:

```
print("Hey!", end=" ")
```

We specified a space character in `end=" "` so that a space is added instead of a newline. We could write the following to add a comma instead

```
print("Hey!", end=",")
```

# Single For-loop

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- In Python, a **for** loop is a way for us to repeat an action  $x$  amount of times
- We need to declare a variable (usually named **i**) and use the **range** function
- The **range** function has three values: starting index, ending index and an increment value (the increment value **must** be an **int**):  
**range(starting\_index, ending\_index, increment)**
- The **ending\_index** is **NOT** included in the range
- Here is an example where we start at 0, end at 10 (but not including 10) and increment by 1 each iteration to loop 10 times in total:

```
for i in range(0, 10, 1):  
    print(i)
```

# output: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

- Notes to consider:
  - The **print** statement is indented into the **for** loop (this is a *must*!)
  - The **range** functions starts at 0 (and including 0) but goes to less than 10
  - There is a colon (*i.e.*, **:**) at the end of the **for** loop
  - Not indenting the **print** statement yields in the following error:  
IndentationError: expected an indented block after 'for' statement

# Single for-loop

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- Here are other examples:

```
for i in range(3, 14, 2):
```

```
    print(i, end=" ")
```

```
# output: 3 5 7 9 11 13
```

```
print(" ")
```

```
for i in range(-10, 2, 1):
```

```
    print(i, end=" ")
```

```
# output: -10 -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1
```

```
print(" ")
```

```
for i in range(10, 3, -1):
```

```
    print(i, end=" ")
```

```
# output: 10 9 8 7 6 5 4
```

- There are some shortcuts that can be applied on this:

```
for i in range(0, 10, 1): # loops through 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
```

- In case the increment is 1, then only specify the starting and ending values, *i.e.*,

```
for i in range(0, 10): # loops through 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
```

- In case the starting value is 0 and increment is 1, only specify the ending value *i.e.*,

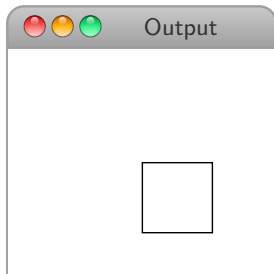
```
for i in range(10): # loops through 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
```

# Single for-loop

- We can use a **for** loop to draw a square instead of having to write the same code multiple times:

```
import turtle

t = turtle.Turtle()
for i in range(4): # i = 0, 1, 2, 3
    t.forward(50)
    t.right(90)
turtle.done()
```



- Note that both of the commands are indented which means they are a part of the **for** loop
- The line **turtle.done()** is *not* a part of the loop, which means it will run only once



# Single for-loop

## Quick Exercise

Using two **for** loops, draw a square of length 50, then, use the **goto** function to move some other place, then draw another square of length 100.

- In case we need to create a **for** loop that will loop but wouldn't print anything, we cannot just leave it blank because Python will complain about indentation. Instead, we use the **pass** keyword which does nothing, like so:

```
for i in range(4):  
    pass # do nothing statement
```

## Nested for-loops

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- Nested loops are defined when a **for** loop is inside another **for** loop
- Typically, we use the variable **i** in the outer loop and variable **j** in the inner one
- Here is an example where the outer loop loops 3 times and the inner one loops 4 times:

```
for i in range(3):      # outer loop, i = 0, 1, 2
    for j in range(4):  # inner loop, j = 0, 1, 2, 3
        pass # do nothing
```

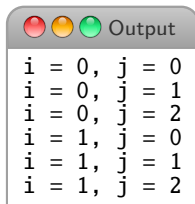
- Note how the inner loop is indented and the **pass** statement is indented in the inner loop
- The logic is as follows:
  - Start at **i** = 0, now run the inner loop which loops 4 times (**j** goes from 0 to 3)
  - Loop back up and now **i** = 1, run the inner loop (which runs 4 times in total, **j** goes from 0 to 3)
  - Loop back up and now **i** = 2, run inner loop (**j** goes from 0 to 3)
  - We now have completed all iterations as the valid values of **i** are 0, 1 and 2

# Nested for-loops

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- Consider the following example:

```
for i in range(2):    # outer loop, i = 0, 1
    for j in range(3): # inner loop, j = 0, 1, 2
        print("i = ", i, end=" ", " ") # print the value of i
        print("j = ", j)              # print the value of j
```



```
i = 0, j = 0
i = 0, j = 1
i = 0, j = 2
i = 1, j = 0
i = 1, j = 1
i = 1, j = 2
```

From the output, *i* changes twice and *j* has three values and completes two iterations because *i* looped twice

# Nested loops

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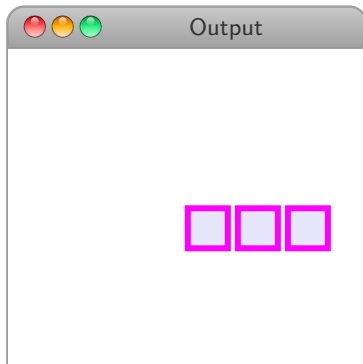
- We could repeat the same task over and over again using nested loops and Turtle Graphics:

```
import turtle

t = turtle.Turtle()
t.pensize(3)
t.color("magenta", "lavender")
for i in range(3):    # draws three squares in total
    t.pendown()
    t.begin_fill()
    for j in range(4): # draws a single filled square
        t.forward(20)
        t.right(90)
    t.end_fill()
    t.penup() # don't draw anything
    # forward to the same length (20) and another
    # 5 units to place a divider
    t.forward(25)
turtle.done()
```

# Nested loops

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- Python allows us to have nested loops or three-level nesting or even more

# Nested vs Non-nested for-Loops

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- Non-nested **for** loops are loops that will execute in order and the number of iterations is added. For example:

```
for i in range(12): # first loop
    print(i)
```

```
for j in range(5): # second loop
    print(j)
```

In total, there will be  $12 + 5 = 17$  print statements

- Nested **for** loops are loops that will execute in a mixed order and the number of iterations is multiplied. For example:

```
for i in range(12): # outer loop
    for j in range(5): # inner loop
        print(i, ", ", j)
```

In total, there will be  $12 \times 5 = 60$  print statements

## Nested vs Non-nested for-Loops

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- A mix of nested and non-nested loops also follows the same rule, for example:

```
for i in range(10):    # outer loop
    for j in range(20): # first inner loop
        print(j)
    for k in range(50): # second inner loop
        print(k)
```

- There will be 700 print statements in total
- The first inner loop and second inner loop a total of 70 iterations
- Since the outer loop loops 10 times and the total inner loops is 70, the overall total is  $10 \times 70 = 700$

# while-loops

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- **while** loops are a different way to achieve repetition
- It contains a condition that must be **True** to continue looping
- Once the condition is **False**, the looping stops
- Used when the number of iterations is unknown
  - A real-life example is when asking the user to enter their email and password. We don't know how many times they will get it wrong (*i.e.*, they can get it correct on their first try or 8th one)
- Example: `i` is initialized to 0 and the **while** loop will loop 10 times (from 0 to 9):

```
i: int = 0
while (i < 10):
    print(i, end=" ")
    i = i + 1 # increment i by 1
# output: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
```

- As long as `i` is 0, 1, ..., 8 or 9, the condition will be **True** because these values are less than 10
- When `i` becomes 10, then the condition `10 < 10` is not **True**, hence, it becomes **False** and then stops



# Infinite loops

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- We are able to create loops that never stop looping by using a `while` loop that has a condition of `True`
- Since the condition is always true and the loop will be valid at all times:

```
while True:
```

```
    print("Hey")
```

```
# output: keeps on printing Hey on screen
```

# Conditional Statements

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- Conditional statements are commands for specifying which code to run in the case where the requirement is satisfied
- A **while** loop did have a condition and executed the code as long as it is **True**
- In here, we are not dealing with loops but with just conditional statements.
- We check the condition once and then execute code based on whether it is true or not
- No looping involved!

# if-statement

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- Python also has an **if** statement where it executes code *only once* if the condition is **True**, for example:

```
if 1 < 5:  
    print("One is less than five")
```

# output: One is less than five

- The condition is that 1 must be less than 5 to run the code in the **if** statement; Since this is the case, it printed out the text
  - The code inside the **if** statement executed only once! It is not a loop so it cannot execute more than once
- Consider this next example:

```
if 0 > 1:  
    print("zero is larger than one")
```

# nothing displayed as output

- We didn't enter the code inside the **if** statement because the condition  $0 > 1$  is not **True** (*i.e.*, **False**)
- Hence, the code inside the **if** statement executed zero times

## if-else statement

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- Suppose that we are interested in both branches of the condition, *i.e.*, the **True** and the **False** outcomes
- We can use an **if** and **else** statements to cover both branches:

```
if 2 < 3:  
    print("The condition is true")  
else:  
    print("The condition is false")
```

# output: The condition is true

- Since the condition is **True**, *only* the code in the **if** branch was executed

- Another example:

```
if 6 < 5:  
    print("Six less than five")  
else:  
    print("Six is not less than five")
```

# output: Six is not less than five

- Since the condition is **False**, *only* the code in the **else** branch was executed