

Python If-else statements

Decision making is the most important aspect of almost all the programming languages. As the name implies, decision making allows us to run a particular block of code for a particular decision. Here, the decisions are made on the validity of the particular conditions. Condition checking is the backbone of decision making.

In python, decision making is performed by the following statements.

Statement	Description
If Statement	The if statement is used to test a specific condition. If the condition is true, a block of code (if-block) will be executed.
If - else Statement	The if-else statement is similar to if statement except the fact that, it also provides the block of the code for the false case of the condition to be checked. If the condition provided in the if statement is false, then the else statement will be executed.
Nested if Statement	Nested if statements enable us to use if ? else statement inside an outer if statement.

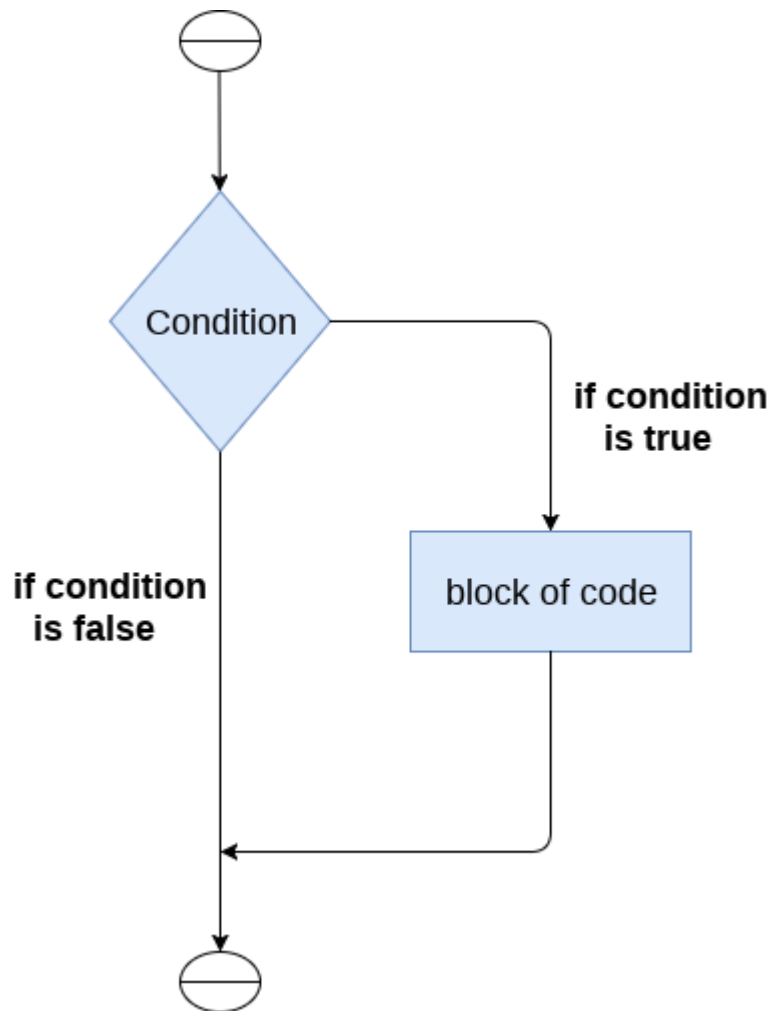
Indentation in Python

For the ease of programming and to achieve simplicity, python doesn't allow the use of parentheses for the block level code. In Python, indentation is used to declare a block. If two statements are at the same indentation level, then they are the part of the same block.

Generally, four spaces are given to indent the statements which are a typical amount of indentation in python. Indentation is the most used part of the python language since it declares the block of code. All the statements of one block are intended at the same level indentation. We will see how the actual indentation takes place in decision making and other stuff in python.

The if statement

The if statement is used to test a particular condition and if the condition is true, it executes a block of code known as if-block. The condition of if statement can be any valid logical expression which can be either evaluated to true or false.



The syntax of the if-statement is given below.

if expression:
statement

Example 1

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num = int(input("enter the number?"))  
if num%2 == 0:  
    print("Number is even")
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Example 2 : Program to print the largest of the three numbers.

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a = int(input("Enter a? "));  
b = int(input("Enter b? "));  
c = int(input("Enter c? "));  
if a>b and a>c:  
    print("a is largest");  
if b>a and b>c:  
    print("b is largest");  
if c>a and c>b:  
    print("c is largest");
```

The if-else statement

The if-else statement provides an else block combined with the if statement which is executed in the false case of the condition.

If the condition is true, then the if-block is executed. Otherwise, the else-block is executed.

