# BRANCHING, ITERATION

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### LAST TIME

- syntax and semantics
- scalar objects
- simple operations
- expressions, variables and values

### TODAY

- string object type
- branching and conditionals
- indentation
- iteration and loops

### **STRINGS**

- letters, special characters, spaces, digits
- enclose in quotation marks or single quotes

```
hi = "hello there"
```

■ concatenate strings 沒符基链接

```
name = "ana"
greet = hi + name
greeting = hi + " " + name
```

do some operations on a string as defined in Python docs

### INPUT/OUTPUT: print

- used to output stuff to console
- keyword is print

```
__cr = str(x)

print("my fav num is", x, ".", "x =", x)

print("my fav num is " + x_str + "
 print("my fav num is " + x_{str} + ". " + "x = " + x_{str})
```

### INPUT/OUTPUT: input("")

- prints whatever is in the quotes
- user types in something and hits enter
- binds that value to a variable

```
text = input("Type anything...") input to shape of the state of the st
```

• input gives you a string so must cast if working with numbers

### COMPARISON OPERATORS ON int, float, string

- i and j are variable names

 $i != j \rightarrow inequality test, True if i not the same as j$ 

### LOGIC OPERATORS ON bools

a and b are variable names (with Boolean values)

```
not a → True if a is False
False if a is True
```

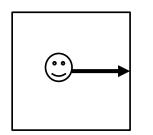
a and b \rightarrow True if both are True

a or b → True if either or both are True

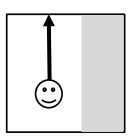
Α	В	A and B	A or B
True	True	True	True
True	False	False	True
False	True	False	True
False	False	False	False

### COMPARISON EXAMPLE

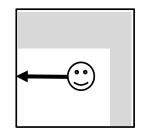
```
pset_time = 15
sleep_time = 8
print(sleep_time > pset_time)
derive = True
drink = False
both = drink and derive
print(both)
```



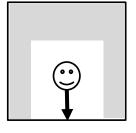
If right clear, go right



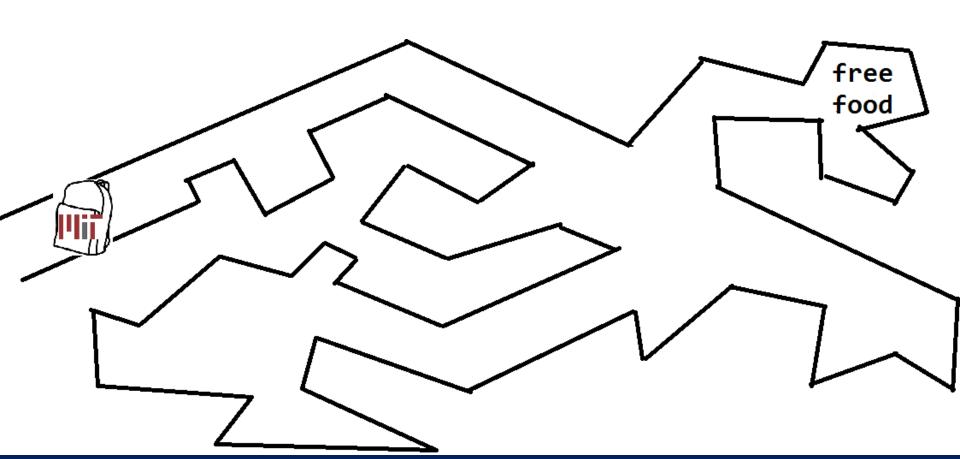
If right blocked, go forward



If right and front blocked, go left



If right , front, left blocked, go back



### CONTROL FLOW - BRANCHING

```
a code blacks
if <condition>:
                                                  if <condition>:
    <expression>
                                                      <expression>
    <expression>
                                                      <expression>
                                                  elif <condition>:
if <condition>:
                                                      <expression>
    <expression>
                                                      <expression>
    <expression>
                                                  else:
else:
                                                      <expression>
    <expression>
                                                      <expression>
    <expression>
```

- <condition> has a value True or False
- evaluate expressions in that block if <condition> is True

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### INDENTATION

- matters in Python
- how you denote blocks of code

```
x = float(input("Enter a number for x: "))
y = float(input("Enter a number for y: "))
if x == y:
    print("x and y are equal")
    if y != 0:
        print("therefore, x / y is", x/y)
elif x < y:
    print("x is smaller")
else:
    print("y is smaller")
print("thanks!")</pre>
```

### = VS ==

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# CONTROL FLOW: while LOOPS

- <condition> evaluates to a Boolean
- if <condition> is True, do all the steps inside the
  while code block
- check < condition > again
- repeat until < condition> is False

### while LOOP EXAMPLE

#### PROGRAM:

```
n = input("You're in the Lost Forest. Go left or right? ")
while n == "right":
    n = input("You're in the Lost Forest. Go left or right? ")
print("You got out of the Lost Forest!")
```

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# CONTROL FLOW: while and for LOOPS

iterate through numbers in a sequence

```
# more complicated with while loop
n = 0
while n < 5:
    print(n)
n = n+1
# shortcut with for loop
for n in range(5):
    print(n)</pre>
```

### CONTROL FLOW: for LOOPS

- each time through the loop, <variable> takes a value
- first time, <variable> starts at the smallest value
- next time, <variable> gets the prev value + 1
- etc.

# range (start, stop, step)

\*\* default values are start = 0 and step = 1 and optional

■ loop until value is stop - 1

```
mysum = 0
for i in range(7, 10):
    mysum += i
print(mysum)

mysum = 0
for i in range(5, 11, 2):
    mysum += i
print(mysum)
```

### break STATEMENT

- immediately exits whatever loop it is in
- skips remaining expressions in code block
- exits only innermost loop!

```
while <condition_1>:
    while <condition_2>:
        <expression_a>
        break
        <expression_b>
        <expression_c>
```

### break STATEMENT

```
mysum = 0
for i in range(5, 11, 2):

mysum += i
   if mysum == 5:
       break
      mysum += 1
print(mysum)
```

what happens in this program?

### for

### VS while LOOPS

#### for loops

- know number of iterations
- can end early via break
- uses a counter
- can rewrite a for loop
  using a while loop

#### while loops

- unbounded number of iterations
- can end early via break
- can use a counter but must initialize before loop and increment it inside loop
- may not be able to
  rewrite a while loop using
  a for loop

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