INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON: DAY TWO

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```
names = {"Stephanie": "Spielman", "Eleisha": "Jackson",
"Claus": "Wilke"}

# Add a key:value pair to a dictionary and print to confirm
names["Bob"] = "Smith"
```

Did you expect this output?

DICTIONARIES ARE UNORDERED

- Unique key:value pairs are *always* preserved, but their order is not
 - One of many reasons why we index with keys, not positions

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Adding an existing key will overwrite the original:

```
acceptable_dict["a"] = 7
print acceptable_dict
    {"a": 7, "c": 5, "b": 3}
```

COMMON DICTIONARY METHODS

```
# Define a dictionary
medals = {"gold": "first", "silver": "second", "bronze":
"third"}

# The .keys() method returns a list of dictionary keys
print medals.keys()
    ['bronze', 'silver', 'gold']

# The .values() method returns a list of dictionary values
print medals.values()
    ['third', 'second', 'first']
```

EXERCISE BREAK

LOGICAL EVALUATIONS AND ITERATIONS

LOGICAL OPERATORS

- Evaluate a condition as True or False using logical operators
 - Variables with True/False values are of a type called boolean

Operator	Meaning
==	Equal to
!=	Not equal to
>, <	Greater than; less than
>=, <=	Greater than or equal to ; less than or equal to

PERFORMING LOGICAL COMPARISONS

```
a = 6
b = 120
print b > a
    True

print 6 == 6
    True

print 7 != "this isn't even a number"
    True

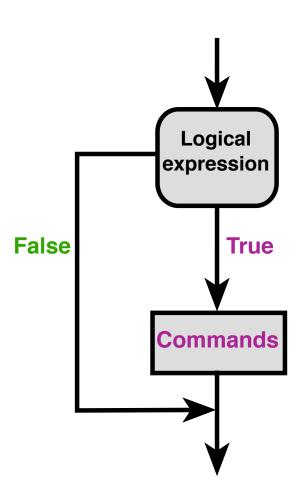
c = 1.2345
print -99 >= c
    False
```

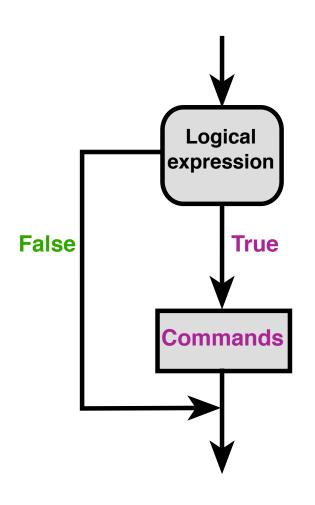
COMBINING LOGICAL STATEMENTS

- Use the Python operators and and or to combine logical statements
 - and: both conditions must be True
 - or: only one condition must be True

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```
a = 6
b = 120
c = ["z", "x", "y", "w"]
print (a == 6 and b == 120)
   True
print (a == 6 \text{ or } b == 92)
   True
print (b < 10 or a > 55)
   False
print (b != 7 and len(c) <= 8)
   True
print (c[1] == "x" and a == b)
   False
```



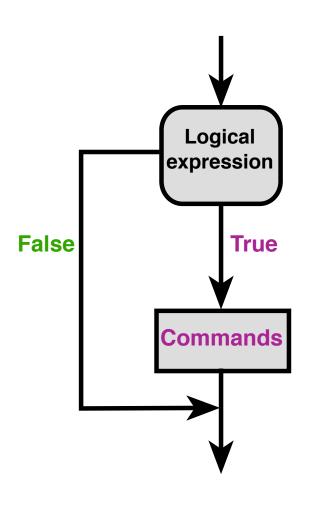


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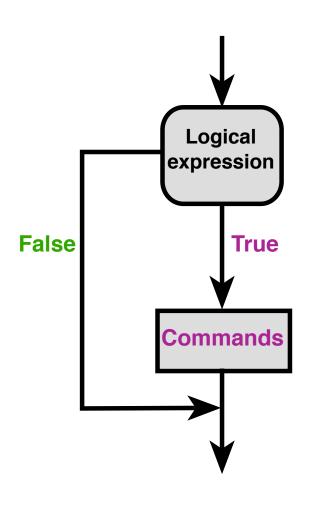
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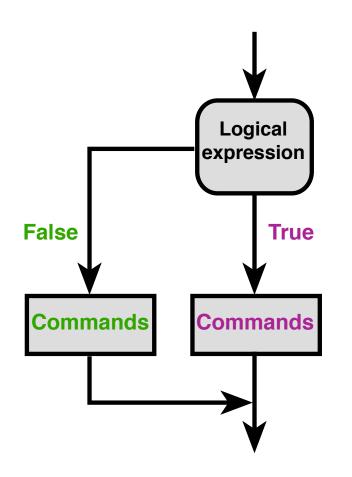
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b = 5
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    print "a is bigger"

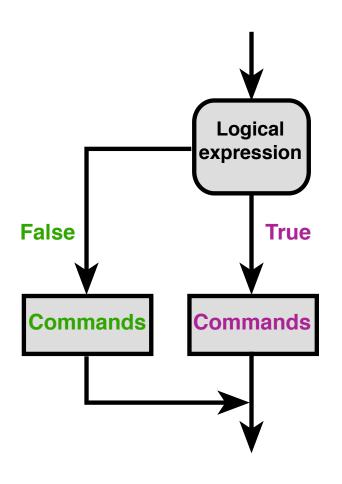
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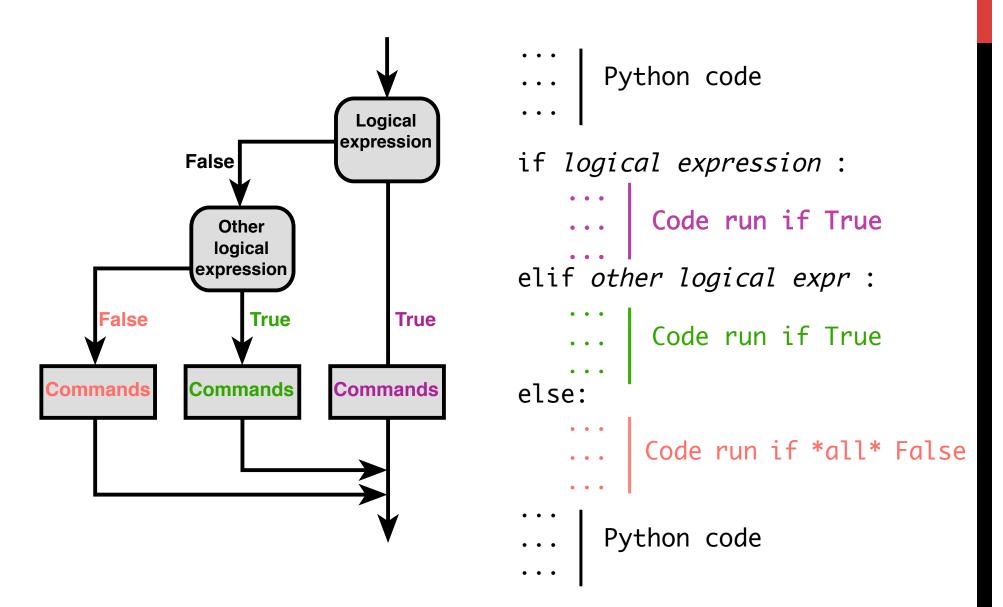
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else:
        Code run if False
     Python code
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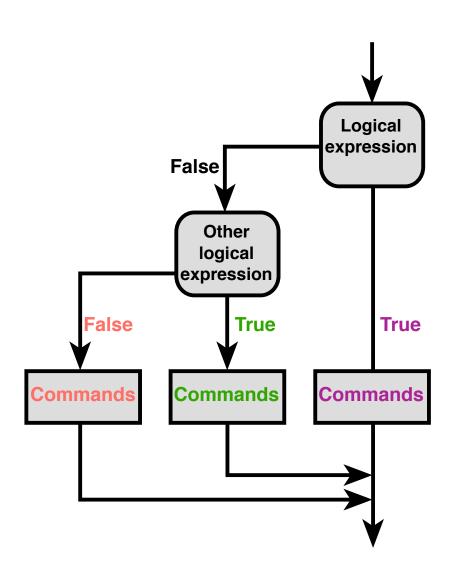
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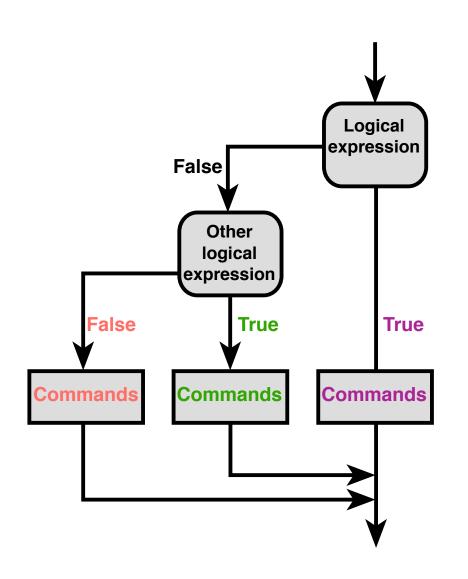
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    print "a is bigger"
else:
    print "a is not bigger"

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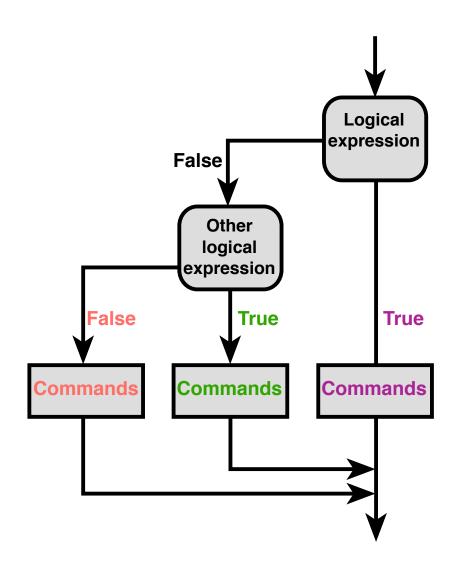


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You can have as many elif statements as you want!



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ITERATING WITH FOR-LOOPS

Two basic uses:

- Perform a task on each item in a list, dictionary, etc.
- Perform a task a certain number of times

ITERATING OVER LISTS

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some_list = [...items...]

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# Loop over the grades
for grade in grades:
    print grade * 1.1

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    86.9
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USE A COUNTER VARIABLE TO KEEP TRACK OF LOOP

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```
i = 0
for grade in grades:
   print "Iteration " + str(i)
   print grade * 1.1
   i += 1
   Iteration 0
   96.8
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- Use the range() function
 - This function defines a list, using the same arguments as *indexing*

```
print range(10)
    [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

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    [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]
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for grade in grades: for i in range(len(grades)):
                            print grades[i] * 1.1
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LOOPING OVER STRINGS

```
for s in "python":
    print s

p
y
t
h
o
```

LOOPING OVER DICTIONARIES

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price = {"banana" : 0.79, "apple": 1.02, "bell pepper": 2.39}
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bell pepper banana apple

What are we actually looping over?

LOOPING OVER DICTIONARIES

banana, 0.79

apple, 1.02

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price = {"banana" : 0.79, "apple": 1.02, "bell pepper": 2.39}
for item in price:
    # Print the key *and* value
    print item, price[item]

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USING IF AND FOR TOGETHER

```
# List of grades
grades = [88, 71, 74, 83, 57, 79, 66]
# Empty list of letter
letter_grades = []
# Determine the letter grade
for grade in grades:
   if grade >= 90:
       letter_grades.append("A")
   elif grade >= 80:
       letter_grades.append("B")
   elif grade >= 70:
       letter_grades.append("C")
   elif grade >= 60:
       letter_grades.append("D")
   else:
       letter_grades.append("F")
print letter_grades
    ['B', 'C', 'C', 'B', 'F', 'C', 'D']
```

CONTROLLING THE LOOPS EVEN MORE

- Two statements change loop flow:
 - continue
 - immediately start the next iteration and skip remaining loop statements
 - break
 - immediately exit out of loop entirely

THE CONTINUE STATEMENT

```
codons = ["ATT", "GAT", "NNA", "ANG", "NTT", "ATG"]
# Print unambiguous codons only
i = 0
for seq in codons:←
   i += 1
   if "N" in seq:
      continue # Immediately start next iteration_
   print "The sequence is " + seq
   print "loop iteration count:", i
   The sequence is ATT
   loop iteration count: 1
   The sequence is GAT
   loop iteration count: 2
   The sequence is ATG
   loop iteration count: 6
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THE BREAK STATEMENT

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   print "loop iteration count:", i
print "Outside of the loop now."←
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The sequence is ATT loop iteration count: 1
The sequence is GAT loop iteration count: 2
Outside of the loop no.

NB: these are essentially required for while-loops

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