

Conditional code execution

if/else statements

```
if condition:  
    statement
```

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else:  
    alternative statement
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```
else:  # optional, can be omitted
```

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Simple if/else example

```
In [1]: if 2<3:  
        print("yes")  
    else:  
        print("no")
```

```
Out[1]: yes
```

Simple if/else example

```
In [1]: if 3<2:  
        print("yes")  
    else:  
        print("no")
```

```
Out[1]: no
```

Indentation defines code blocks

```
In [1]: if 3<2: # false
           print("1") # not run
           print("2") # not run
           print("3") # not run
       print("4")      # run
```

```
Out[1]: 4
```

Indentation defines code blocks

```
In [1]: if 2<3: # true
          print("1") # run
          print("2") # run
          print("3") # run
        print("4")    # run
```

```
Out[1]: 1
         2
         3
         4
```


Doing things multiple times (loops)

for loops

```
for variable in list:  
    statement
```

for-loop example

```
In [1]: for name in ["John", "Sara", "Bill"]:  
        print(name)
```

```
Out[1]: John  
        Sara  
        Bill
```

Again, indentation defines code blocks

```
In [1]: for name in ["John", "Sara", "Bill"]:  
        print("----")      # run for every name  
        print(name)        # run for every name  
    print("----")          # run once
```

```
Out[1]: ----  
        John  
        ----  
        Sara  
        ----  
        Bill  
        ----
```

We use for loops when we want to do something a number of times

```
In [1]: for i in range(5): # range(5) creates the  
        print("Hello!") # numbers from 0 to 4
```

```
Out[1]: Hello!  
        Hello!  
        Hello!  
        Hello!  
        Hello!
```

We use for loops when we want to do something a number of times

```
In [1]: for i in range(5):      # range(5) creates the  
        print("Hello:", i)    # numbers from 0 to 4
```

```
Out[1]: Hello: 0  
        Hello: 1  
        Hello: 2  
        Hello: 3  
        Hello: 4
```

One more example:

Make a list of the numbers 1 through 5

```
In [1]: result = [] # start with empty list
        for i in range(1, 6): # count from 1 to 5
            result.append(i)
        print(result)
```

```
Out[1]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Combining loops and conditional execution

We often combine `for` loops and `if` statements

Typical example:

Loop over all elements in a list, and do an action if some condition is met.

Example:

Find names starting with 'S'

```
In [1]: for name in ["John", "Sara", "Bill"]:  
        if name[0]=='S':  
            print(name, "starts with S")  
        else:  
            print(name, "doesn't start with S")
```

```
Out[1]: John doesn't start with S  
        Sara starts with S  
        Bill doesn't start with S
```

Example:

Count names starting with 'S'

```
In [1]: count = 0      # start with count of 0
        for name in ["John", "Sara", "Bill"]:
            if name[0]=='S':
                count += 1 # increase count by 1
        print(count) # print final result
```

```
Out[1]: 1
```

Last example: Count how often letters occur in a string

```
In [1]: sentence = "Time flies like an arrow."  
# first we count, using a dict  
counts = {} # empty dict  
for c in sentence:  
    if c in counts: # have we seen this letter before?  
        counts[c]+=1 # yes, increase count by 1  
else:  
    counts[c]=1      # no, set count to 1  
  
# now that we have the counts, we print them  
for c in counts:    # loop over all letters in the dict  
    print(c, "appears", counts[c], "times.")
```

Last example: Count how often letters occur in a string

```
Out[1]: i appears 3 times.  
        k appears 1 times.  
        o appears 1 times.  
        r appears 2 times.  
        l appears 2 times.  
        appears 4 times.  
        n appears 1 times.  
        m appears 1 times.  
        f appears 1 times.  
        e appears 3 times.  
        . appears 1 times.  
        s appears 1 times.  
        T appears 1 times.  
        a appears 2 times.  
        w appears 1 times.
```