

Control Flow and Loop

In this lesson, we learn :

- What is Boolean Type
- How to use condition to control flow
- How to loop
- How to program

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In [1]: ➤ from jupyterhelper import add_notebook_menu  
add_notebook_menu()
```

Out[1]: run previous cell, wait for 2 seconds

Boolean type: True or False

The Python type for storing true/false (or yes/no) values is called bool, named after the British mathematician, George Boole.

[George Boole](https://www.wikiwand.com/en/George_Boole) (https://www.wikiwand.com/en/George_Boole) created Boolean Algebra, which is the basis of all modern computer arithmetic, he also made great contributions to Differential Equations and Theory of Probability.

```
In [2]: ➤ q1 = "Rabbit runs faster than turtle. True or False?"  
a1 = True  
a11 = "True"  
# unless rabbit sleeps
```

```
In [3]: ➤ type(a1), type(a11)
```

Out[3]: (bool, str)

```
In [4]: ➤ # 电脑会思维吗?  
q2 = "Computer can think. True or False?"  
a2 = False  
type(a2)
```

Out[4]: bool

```
In [5]: ➤ print(a2)
```

False

bool type has only two values: [True, False]

Special cases

In python, None is a special value. It means NOTHING, null, nill.

```
In [6]:  bool(None), bool(''), bool("None")
```

```
Out[6]: (False, False, True)
```

1 is Ture, 0 is False

```
In [7]:  bool(0), bool(1), bool(0.1)
```

```
Out[7]: (False, True, True)
```

comparison creates condition

```
In [8]:  a = 100; b = 100
         condition1 = (a == b)
         type(condition1)
```

```
Out[8]: bool
```

```
In [9]:  print(condition1)
```

```
True
```

```
In [10]: c2 = a > b
         c3 = a < b
         c4 = (a != b)
         c5 = (a >= b)
         c6 = (a <= b)
```

```
In [11]: print(c2, c3, c4, c5, c6)
```

```
False False False True True
```

"False" is True

```
In [12]: s1 = "False"
         print(s1)
```

```
False
```

```
In [13]: b1 = False
         print(b1)
```

```
False
```

```
In [14]: type(s1), type(b1)
```

```
Out[14]: (str, bool)
```

```
In [15]: bool(s1)
```

```
Out[15]: True
```

```
In [16]: bool(False)
```

```
Out[16]: False
```

logic operation: and, or, not

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In [17]: x = 1
y = 22
z = 333
c7 = (x < y)
c8 = (y < z)
c9 = c7 and c8
c10 = c7 or c8
c11 = not c7
print(c7, c8, c9, c10, c11)
```

```
True True True True False
```

data-structure summary

below is a list of basic python data structures we have learned

Data Type	Type Name	Example
Boolean	bool	True, False
Integer	int	1, 100, 123
Real number	float	3.14159, 1.0e3
Text or String	str	'Hello', "你好"
List	list	[1,2,3, "A", "B", "C"]
Tuple	tuple	(100,200,300)
Set	set	{100,200,300}
Dictionary, Map, Table	dict	{1001: "John", 1002: "Jane"}

Later on, we will learn how to design our own data structure using class/object

```
In [18]: a = {1001: "John", 1002: "Jane"}
type(a)
```

```
Out[18]: dict
```

If-elif-else

Condition ==> Decision-making ==> Action

Note: read Chapter 5 of "Python for Kids" textbook which has a very good explanation

if statement

`__Indent__` is unique and critical feature in python

Many people uses 4 whitespaces for indent, but no fixed rule. 2 or 8 spaces are ok. The key is to make your codes humanly readable

```
In [19]: ▶ your_age = 12
         if your_age < 13:
             print('Your age is ', your_age)
             print('You are not a teenager yet')
```

```
Your age is 12
You are not a teenager yet
```

if-else statement

```
In [20]: ▶ your_age = 13
         if your_age < 13:
             print('Your age is ', your_age)
             print('You are a baby')
         else:
             print('Your age is ', your_age)
             print('You are a teenager')
```

```
Your age is 13
You are a teenager
```

condition in else branch is implied, i.e., not if condition

if-elif-else statement

```
In [21]: ▶ your_age = 21
if your_age < 13:
    print('Your age is ', your_age)
    print('You are a baby')
elif your_age < 18:
    print('Your age is ', your_age)
    print('You are a teenager')
else:
    print('Your age is ', your_age)
    print('You are an adult')
```

```
Your age is 21
You are an adult
```

nested if-else statement

```
In [22]: ▶ your_age = 21
gender = "Female"

if your_age < 13:
    print('Your age is ', your_age)

    if gender == 'Male':
        print('You are a baby boy')
    else:
        print('You are a baby girl')

elif your_age < 18:
    print('Your age is ', your_age)
    if gender == 'Male':
        print('You are a teenager boy')
    else:
        print('You are a teenager girl')
else:
    print('Your age is ', your_age)
    if gender == 'Male':
        print('You are a man')
    else:
        print('You are a woman')
```

```
Your age is 21
You are a woman
```

Loop

Examples

A few examples of looping

- apple headquarter
- computer operating system

- smart phone
- event loop for game, GUI
- web site
- our daily-routine
- Moon orbiting Earth, Earth around Sun, Sun moving in Milky Way
- four seasons

for loop

- **for** is a keyword for looping,
- repeat within the loop
- usually iteration over a finite set

range() - a useful function to build a number list

```
In [25]:  number_list = range(10)
```

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In [26]:  print(number_list)

range(0, 10)
```

```
In [27]:  for n in number_list:
           print("n= ", n)
```

```
n= 0
n= 1
n= 2
n= 3
n= 4
n= 5
n= 6
n= 7
n= 8
n= 9
```

```
In [28]:  number_list_2 = range(10, 100, 20)
           # 10 is starting number
           # 100 is the ending number
           # 20 is the stride (or step)

           for n in number_list_2:
               print("n= ", n)
```

```
n= 10
n= 30
n= 50
n= 70
n= 90
```

```
In [38]: ▶ # how to track loop - use a counter

# initialize the counter before loop starts
n = 0
for item in dict1:
    n = n + 1 # increment counter by 1
    print('loop counter = %d' % n)
    print('\t\tkey=', item)
```

```
loop counter = 1
                key= England
loop counter = 2
                key= France
loop counter = 3
                key= India
loop counter = 4
                key= USA
loop counter = 5
                key= China
loop counter = 6
                key= Japan
loop counter = 7
                key= Germany
```

while loop

- usually for an infinite loop

how to create an infinite loop

```
while True:
    print("looping forever")
```

```
In [40]: ▶ # List even number less than 20
n1 = 0
while n1 < 20:
    if n1 % 2 == 0:
        print(n1, ' is an even number')
    else:
        pass          # pass means pass, does nothing
    n1 = n1+1
```

```
0  is an even number
2  is an even number
4  is an even number
6  is an even number
8  is an even number
10 is an even number
12 is an even number
14 is an even number
16 is an even number
18 is an even number
```

how to control an infinite loop

- break
- continue

random number generator

```
In [41]: ▶ from random import randint
# pick a number between 0 and 1000 randomly
a_random_int = randint(0,1000)
print('You picked number: ', a_random_int)
```

```
You picked number: 531
```



```
In [42]: ► while True: # this is an infinite loop
            your_number_pick = randint(0,1000)
            print(your_number_pick)
            if your_number_pick % 9 == 0:
                print('\tCongratulation!  you picked a 9-multiple')
                break
```

272
844
202
364
197
187
697
130
920
746
968
608
210
28
914
951
128
971
633
542
413
53
49
902
986
995
671
318
47
378

Congratulation! you picked a 9-multiple

a little lottery app

Find a number which is multiple of 'my_lucky_number'

```
In [2]: ► from random import randint

my_lucky_number = 7
l_counter = 0
while True:           # this is an infinite loop
    your_number_pick = randint(0,1000)
    l_counter = l_counter + 1
    print("[%03d] %5d" % (l_counter,your_number_pick))
    if your_number_pick % my_lucky_number == 0:
        print('\n*** Good Luck *** You got a %d-multiple which is %d' % (my_
        break         # will terminate the infinite loop
    else:
        continue      # go on forever
```

```
[001]    251
[002]    681
[003]    505
[004]    474
[005]    433
[006]    966
```

```
*** Good Luck *** You got a 7-multiple which is 966
```