

Conditions and Loops

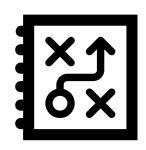
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Logic conditions



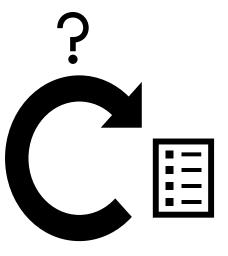
- Test if a condition is true or false.
- Can combine many requirements.
 - OR, AND, XOR, NOT.
- Examples:
 - Program has reached a specific state.
 - User provides specific input.
 - File read contains specific value.



For loops



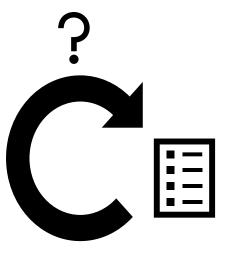
- Repeat instructions fixed number of iterations.
 - Step through list use each value.
 - Step through series of values.



While loops



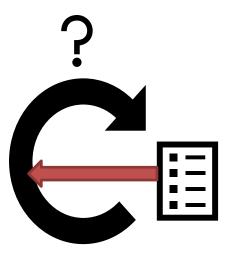
- Repeat instructions unknown number of iterations.
 - Require logic condition to loop.
- Examples:
 - While user input has not been provided.
 - While specific state has not been reached.



Using continue



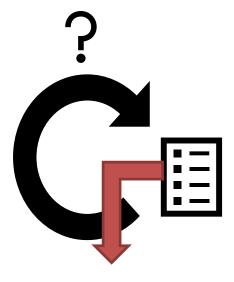
- Skip to next iteration of the loop.
- Allows if to be used without elif or else.
 - Reduce nesting.
- Care needed with while loop.
 - Must update state and then continue.



Using break



- Exit a loop immediately.
 - Avoiding running the loop when not needed.
- Can use with while True.
 - Loop exit only through break.



Coding standards



- Compilers and interpreters permit different text input.
- Use a standard to enforce text formatting.
 - Enable developer to quickly identify code structure.
- Python coding standard PEP8.
 - https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/

