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Python Programming

Flow Control

Outline

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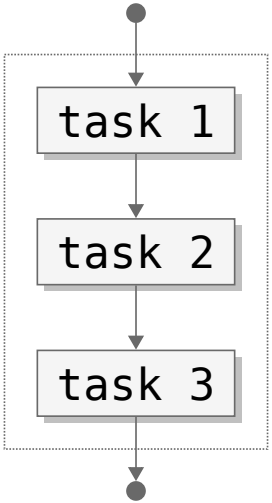

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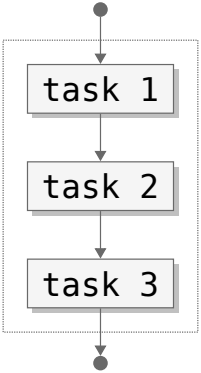

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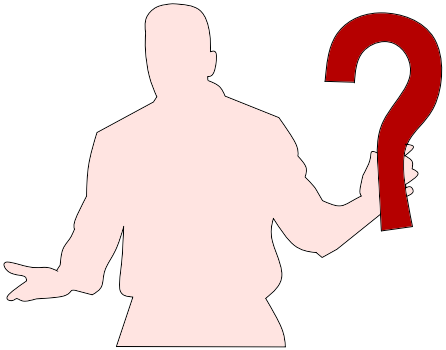

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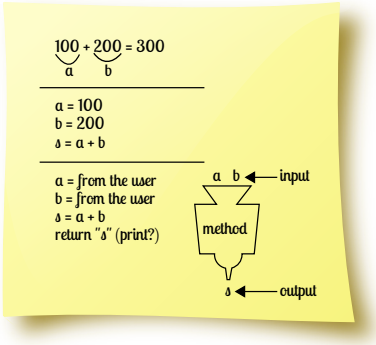

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Comments are prepended by `#` and completely ignored.

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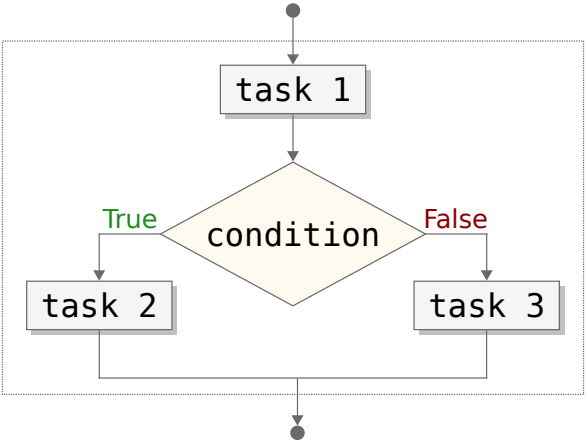

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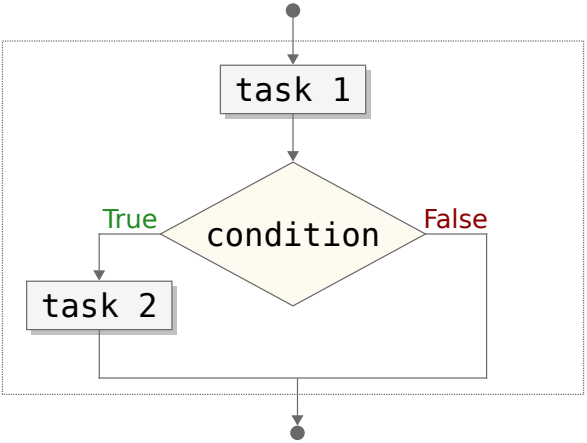

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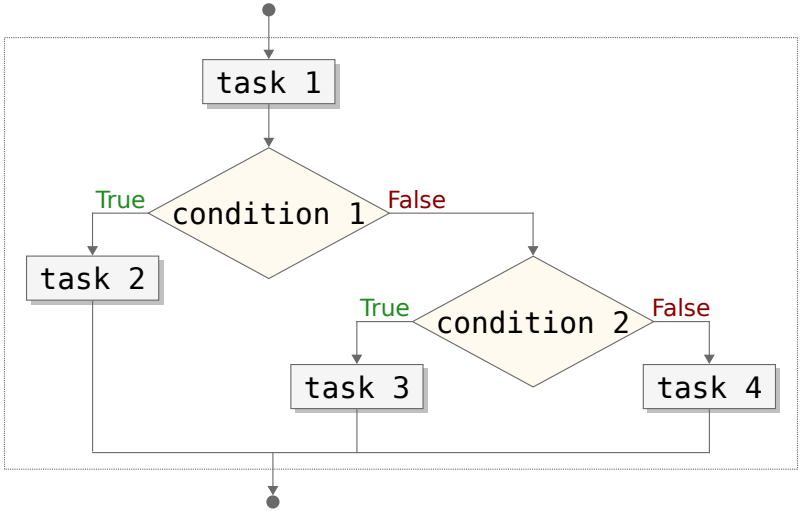

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IPython

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Out[13]: False

In [14]: bool(1)
Out[14]: True

In [15]: bool([False])
Out[15]: True
```

Comparisons

Operation	Meaning	Example
`<`	strictly less than	`x < y`
`<=`	less than or equal	`x <= y`
`>`	strictly greater than	`x > y`
`>=`	greater than or equal	`x >= y`
`==`	equal	`x == y`
`!=`	not equal	`x != y`
`is`	object identity	`x is y`
`is not`	negated object identity	`x is not y`

Comparisons

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```
In [16]: 3 < 4
Out[16]: True

In [17]: 3 <= 3.5
Out[17]: True

In [18]: 3 == 3.0
Out[18]: True

In [19]: 3 is 3.0
Out[19]: False

In [20]: 3 is 3
Out[20]: True
```

Boolean (Logical) Operations

Operation	Result	Notes
`x or y`	if `x` is false, then `y`, else `x`	(1)
`x and y`	if `x` is false, then `x`, else `y`	(2)
`not x`	if `x` is false, then `True`, else `False`	(3)

1. It evaluates `y` only if `x` is false.
2. It evaluates `y` only if `x` is true.
3. `not x == y` is interpreted as `not (x == y)` and `x == not y` is a syntax error.

Boolean (Logical) Operations

x	y	x or y	x and y
True	True	True	True
True	False	True	False
False	True	True	False
False	False	False	False

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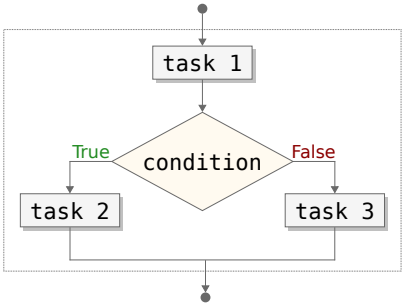
```
In [21]: 3 < 4 and 5 <= 10
Out[21]: True

In [22]: 3 < 4 or 5 <= 10
Out[22]: True

In [23]: 3 < 4 and 5 > 10
Out[23]: False

In [24]: 3 < 4 and 5 > 10
Out[24]: True
```

`if` statement

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    task 2
else:
    task 3
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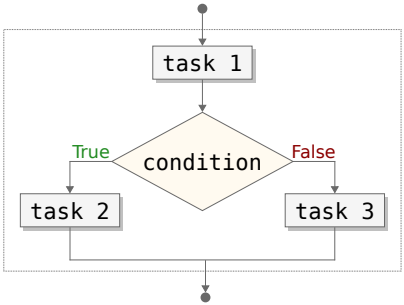


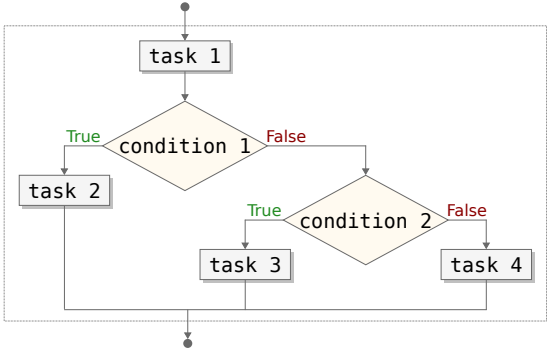
max.py

```
1  a = int(input('a = '))
2  b = int(input('b = '))
3
4  if a > b:
5      print(a)
6  else:
7      print(b)
```

terminal

```
$ python max.py
a = 100
b = 200
200
```

`if` statement



compare.py

```
1  a = int(input('a = '))
2  b = int(input('b = '))
3
4  if a > b:
5      print(a)
6  elif a == b:
7      print('equal')
8  else:
9      print(b)
```

terminal

```
$ python compare.py
a = 100
b = 100
equal
```

Indentation

Indentation

Python uses indentation to delimit code blocks.

- Instead of `begin ... end` or `{ ... }` in other languages.
- Be consistent (e.g., only use an indentation of 4 spaces).
  - Never use tabs.

indentation_example.py

```
1  if False:
2      if False:
3          print('Why am I here?')
4      else:
5          while True:
6              print('When will it stop?')
7      print("And we're back to the first indentation level")
```

Loops

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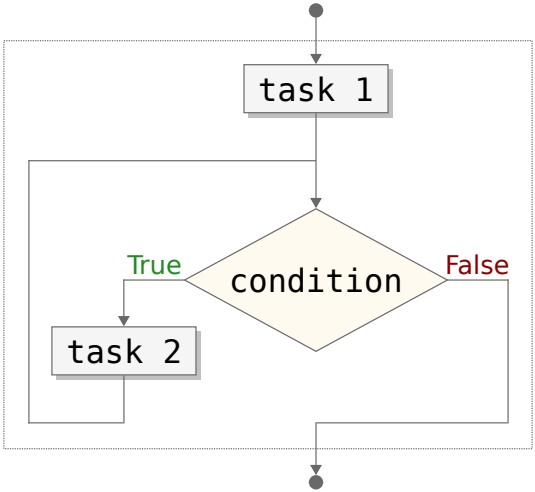

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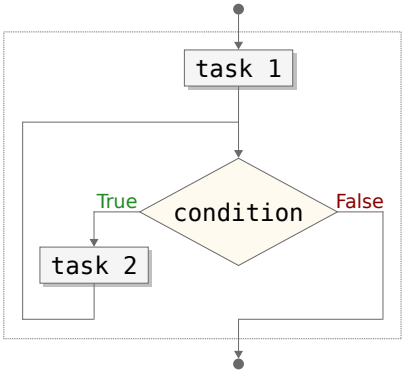


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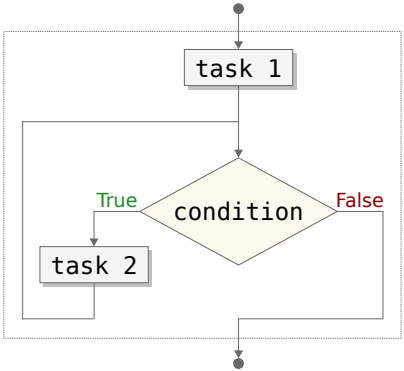

while_example.py

```
1 i = 0
2 while i < 5:
3     print(i)
4     i += 1
```

terminal

```
$ python while_example.py
0
1
2
3
4
```

Infinite loop

infinite_loop.py

```
1 while True:
2     print('yes')
```

terminal

```
$ python infinite_loop.py
yes
yes
yes
yes
...
```

`for` statement

Used to iterate over a sequence.

for_example.py

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3
7
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```

Additionals

iteration.py

```python
# Iteration with values and indices:
for i, color in enumerate(['red', 'yellow', 'blue']):
    print(i, '->', color)

# Taking two sequences together:
for city, population in zip(['Delft', 'Leiden'], [101030, 121562]):
    print(city, '->', population)

# Iterating over a dictionary yields keys:
for key in {'a': 33, 'b': 17, 'c': 18}:
    print(key)

# Iterating over a file yields lines:
for line in open('data/short_file.txt'):
    print(line)
```

The `pass` statement

If you need a statement syntactically, but don't want to do anything yet, use `pass`:

pass_statement.py

```
1  age = int(input('Please enter your age: '))
2
3  if age < 18:
4      # This is to be decided.
5      pass
6  else:
7      print('You can apply for a driver\'s permit in most of the countries.')
```

Comprehensions

Lists

Similar to mathematical set notation (e.g., $x|x \in R \wedge x > 0$), we can create lists.

IPython

```
In [25]: [(x, x * x) for x in range(10) if x % 2]
Out[25]: [(1, 1), (3, 9), (5, 25), (7, 49), (9, 81)]
```

Sets and dictionaries

IPython

```
In [26]: {c for c in 'LUMC-standard' if 'a' <= c <= 'z'}
Out[26]: 'a', 'd', 'n', 'r', 's', 't'
```

Dictionaries

IPython

```
In [27]: colors = ['red', 'white', 'blue', 'orange']
In [28]: {c: len(c) for c in colors}
Out[28]: {'blue':  4, 'orange':  6, 'red':  3, 'white':  5}
```

Python `print`

IPython

```
In [29]: print('{} {}'.format('one', 'two'))
Out[29]: one two
```

More information:

- https://pyformat.info/

Hands on!

Write a python program for each of the following exercises:

1. **Odd positives**
   Given a list with integer values, e.g., `[10, -4, -5, 5]`, sort it, and print the elements on odd positions that are positive.
2. **Integer to a list**
   Take as input two integers. Transform the first one into a list of digits to which the other number is added. So `2345` and `3` are transformed into `[5,6,7,8]`.