

# Fundamentos de Programação

António J. R. Neves João Rodrigues

Departamento de Electrónica, Telecomunicações e Informática
Universidade de Aveiro

an@ua.pt / jmr@ua.pt
http://elearning.ua.pt/



- Boolean expressions
  - The bool type
  - Relational operators
  - Logical operators
  - **Properties**
- Conditional execution
  - If statement
  - If-else
  - If-elif-else

### Boolean expressions



A boolean expression is an expression that is either true or false.

```
>>> n = 5  # this IS NOT a boolean expression!
>>> n == 5  # this IS a boolean expression!
True
>>> 6 == n  # this is another boolean expression.
False
```

- True and False are special values that belong to the type bool.
- Boolean values may be stored in variables.

```
>>> isEven = n%2==0
```

May be converted to string.

```
>>> str(isEven)
'False'
```

Or to integer.

```
>>> int(False) # 0
>>> int(True) # 1
```

### Zero and empty values convert to False:

```
>>> bool(0)  # False
>>> bool(0.0)  # False
>>> bool('')  # False
```

#### Other values convert to True:

```
>>> bool(1)  # True
>>> bool('False') # True (surprise!)
```

Relational operators produce boolean results:

```
x == y  # x is equal to y
x != y  # x is not equal to y
x > y  # x is greater than y
x < y  # x is less than y
x >= y  # x is greater than or equal to y
x <= y  # x is less than or equal to y
x < y < z  # x is less than y and y is less than z (cool!)</pre>
```

There are three logical operators: and, or, not.

```
x>=0 and x<10  # x is between 0 and 10 (exclusive) 0<=x and x<10  # same thing x==0 or not isEven and y/x>1
```





#### Remember these properties:

### And these (but beware of short-circuit evaluation\*):

```
A or B <=> B or A

A and B <=> B and A

A or (B and C) <=> (A or B) and (A or C)

A and (B or C) <=> (A and B) or (A and C)
```



Arithmetic > relational > not > and > or.

```
x <= 1+2*y**3 or n!=0 and not 1/n <= y (\underline{x} <= 1+2*y**3) or (\underline{n}!=0 and not 1/n <= y) (x <= (\underline{1+2*y**3}) or ((\underline{n}!=0)) and (\underline{not}\ 1/n <= y) (x <= (1+(\underline{2*y**3}))) or ((\underline{n}!=0)) and (\underline{not}\ (\underline{1/n} <= y)) (x <= (1+(2*(y**3)))) or ((\underline{n}!=0)) and (\underline{not}\ ((\underline{1/n}) <= y)))
```



### Short-circuit evaluation



 Operators and and or only evaluate the second operand if needed!

```
X and Y  # if X is false then X, otherwise Y
X or Y  # if X is true then X, otherwise Y
```

- This is called short-circuit evaluation.
- It can be very useful:

```
1/n>2 and n!=0 # ZeroDivisionError if n==0

n!=0 and 1/n>2 # False if n==0, 1/n not evaluated

n==0 or 3/n<4 # True if n==0, 3/n not evaluated
```

- But remember:
  - Commutative and distributive properties may not be valid!



## Conditional execution (1)



- The ability to check conditions and change the behavior of the program accordingly is almost always used.
   Conditional statements give us this ability.
- The simplest form is the if statement:

```
if x > 0:
    print('x is positive')
```

- The boolean expression after if is called the condition.
- The indented statement(s) gets executed if the condition is true. If not, nothing happens.
- There is no limit on the number of statements that can appear in the body, but there has to be at least one.

### Conditional execution (2)



 A second form of the if statement is alternative execution, in which there are two possibilities and the condition determines which one gets executed.

```
if x%2 == 0:
   print('x is even')
else:
   print('x is odd')
```

 Sometimes there are more than two possibilities and we need more than two branches (chained conditional).

```
if x < y:
    print('x is less than y')
elif x > y:
    print('x is greater than y')
else:
    print('x and y are equal')
```

### Conditional execution (3)



One conditional can also be nested within another.

```
if x == y:
   print('x and y are equal')
else:
   if x < y:
      print('x is less than y')
   else:
      print('x is greater than y')</pre>
```

- Although the indentation of the statements makes the structure apparent, nested conditionals become difficult to read very quickly.
- Logical operators often provide a way to simplify nested conditional statements.

# Code transformations



Transformations may simplify the code.

if Cond1: if not Cond1: if not Cond1: if Cond2: Suite3 Suite3 Suite1 else: elif Cond2: else: if Cond2: Suite1 Suite2 Suite1 else: else: else: Suite2 Suite3 Suite2