

Python Basics: Part 2

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Learning Goals

1. Get files via `git` .
2. Be able to run and understand basic code
3. Be able to explain what is and how *control flow* works in python
4. Understand the similarities and differences in the basic python collection types
5. Learn 10 more Python terms.

Git and GitHub

- Get a Github account
- Go to Github classroom link, from website
- GitKraken
- Log in and clone your new repo

Review

`stack_example.py`

1. What does this do?
2. How can you improve it?

bisection.py

Run it with

```
$ python3 bisection.py
```

Make sure you are in the correct directory!

Review Data types

Booleans

True or False within python

- True can also mean non-zero or non-empty or has-length (don't worry too much about this now)
- can use and , or , not , and group comparisons logically
- Unlikely to hard code these into the software

Comparison Operators

- These operators evaluate to `True` or `False`

1. `==` `!=`

2. `>` `<`

3. `>=` `<=`

Controlling program flow

pseudo-code

```
if condition is True:  
    print('true')  
elif condition is False:  
    print('false')  
else:  
    print('you will never get here')
```

Control Flow Example

```
x = 5
if x > 10:
    print('x is large')
elif x > 2:
    print('x is medium')
elif x >= 0:
    print('x is small')
else: # x < 0
    print('x is negative')
```

Data Structures

lists: `l = [1, 2, 3]`

tuples: `t = (1, 2, 3)`

sets: `s = set([1, 2, 3])`

dictionary: `d = {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}`

Reading for next Tuesday

We have a few more basics before we are able to start writing useful programs.

Think Python: Ch 7, 8.3, and 14.1-.4

note: this week we covered Chs. 2, 3 and 5