**Control Flow in Python**

Control flow refers to the order in which a program executes its instructions. In Python, control flow is managed using various control structures, including conditional statements, loops, and function calls. Here are some important notes on control flow in Python:

1. Conditional Statements:

- `if` statements: These are used to execute a block of code if a condition is `True`. You can also use `elif` (else if) and `else` clauses to handle multiple conditions.

```python

if condition:

# Code to execute if condition is True

elif another\_condition:

# Code to execute if another\_condition is True

else:

# Code to execute if no condition is True

```

- Conditional expressions (ternary operator): Python allows you to write concise one-liner `if` expressions.

```python

result = value\_if\_true if condition else value\_if\_false

```

2. \*\*Loops:\*\*

- `for` loops: Used to iterate over a sequence (e.g., lists, strings, dictionaries) or any iterable.

```python

for item in iterable:

# Code to process each item in the iterable

```

- `while` loops: Execute a block of code as long as a condition is `True`.

```python

while condition:

# Code to execute as long as the condition is True

```

- Loop control statements:

- `break`: Exits the current loop.

- `continue`: Skips the rest of the current iteration and moves to the next one.

3. Function Calls:

- Functions are used to encapsulate a block of code and can be called with specific arguments.

```python

def my\_function(argument1, argument2):

# Code to execute using argument1 and argument2

```

4. \*\*Exception Handling:

- Use `try`, `except`, `else`, and `finally` blocks to handle exceptions and errors in your code.

```python

try:

# Code that may raise an exception

except ExceptionType as e:

# Code to handle the exception

else:

# Code to execute if no exceptions are raised

finally:

# Code that always runs, whether there was an exception or not

```

5. Control Flow in Functions:

- Functions can contain their own control flow structures, including conditionals and loops.

6. Control Flow within Modules:

- Python programs are typically organized into modules, which can be imported and used in other parts of your code.

7. Indentation:

- Python uses indentation to define blocks of code. Proper indentation is essential for the correct execution of your code.

8. Flow Control Best Practices:

- Keep code readable and maintainable by using meaningful variable and function names.

- Avoid deeply nested code, which can make it difficult to understand and debug.

- Use comments to explain complex or critical sections of code.

- Write tests to verify the correctness of your code, especially when it involves complex control flow.

9. Recursion:

- Python supports recursive functions, which are functions that call themselves. Recursion is a powerful technique for solving problems that can be broken down into smaller, similar subproblems.

10. Switch Statement:

- Unlike some other programming languages, Python does not have a built-in `switch` or `case` statement. You typically use `if` and `elif` for multi-branch logic.

Understanding and effectively using control flow is essential for writing robust and functional Python programs. It allows you to create logic that responds to different conditions and executes code in a structured manner.

A program’s control flow is the order in which the program’s code executes.

The control flow of a Python program is regulated by conditional statements, loops, and function calls.

Python has three types of control structures:

·         Sequential - default mode

·         Selection - used for decisions and branching

·         Repetition - used for looping, i.e., repeating a piece of code multiple times.

1    1. Sequential

Sequential statements are a set of statements whose execution process happens in a sequence. The problem with sequential statements is that if the logic has broken in any one of the lines, then the complete source code execution will break.

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2. Selection/Decision control statements

 In Python, the selection statements are also known as Decision control statements or branching statements.

 The selection statement allows a program to test several conditions and execute instructions based on which condition is true.

Some Decision Control Statements are:

Simple if

if-else

nested if

if-elif-else

Simple if: If statements are control flow statements that help us to run a particular code, but only when a certain condition is met or satisfied. A simple if only has one condition to check.

A diagram of a condition

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