KIT100 PROGRAMMING PREPARATION

Lecture Four:

Managing data and making decisions

Lecture objectives

- Working with Operators
- Performing Calculations
- Decision Making

Using operators

- When we use an **operator**, we must supply either a **variable** or an **expression**.
- Remember that a variable refers to a location (address) in the computer's memory that holds data.
- An **expression** is a combination of variables, operators, constants and functions that result in the creation of a value
  - for example, *1 < 2* is an expression that results in the value True.

Working with operators

- We use operators to define how one piece of data is compared to another, and to modify the information within a variable.
- Operators are essential
  - to perform any sort of math-related task (e.g., **+, - , *, /**)
  - when we are assigning data to variables (e.g., **=**)
  - when comparing data (e.g., **< , >)**
  - making decisions in code (e.g., **==**)

Defining operators

- Python uses the following **categories** of operators:
  - Unary: +, -
  - Arithmetic: *, /
  - Relational: <, >
  - Logical (combine conditional statements): and, or, not
  - Bitwise (compare (binary) numbers): &, |, ~
  - Assignment: =
  - Membership: in, not in
  - Identity: is, is not

```
>>> x = 5
>>> print(x > 3 and x < 10)
True
>>> a = 60          # 60 = 0011 1100;
>>> b = 13          # 13 = 0000 1101;
>>> c = a & b
>>> print (c)
12                  # 12 = 0000 1100
>>>
>>> x = ["apple", "banana"]
>>> print("banana" in x)
True
>>> y = ["apple", "orange"]
>>> print(x is y)
False
>>>
```

Performing calculations

- Math expression: performs a calculation which results in a value that can then be directly used or stored
  - **Arithmetic operator**: performing calculation using numbers
  - **Operands**: the values surrounding operator
    - Variables can be used as operands e.g. `2 + 3.7`
    - Literals can be used as operands e.g. `temperature – heat`
    - Functions (that *return* a value) can be used as operands e.g.
      `average(1,2,3) / deviation(x)`
    - Expressions can be operands e.g `(3 + 1) > (2 * 7)`
      (python evaluates the expressions first before performing the calculation defined by the operator)
  - The resulting value from an expression is typically assigned to a variable, or printed in the output

Arithmetic operators

Op	Description	Example	Result
+	Addition - Adds two values together	5+2	7
-	Subtraction - Subtracts the right operand from the left operand	5-2	3
*	Multiplication - Multiplies the left operand by the right operand	5*2	10
/	Float division. Divides the left operand by the right operand	5/2	2.5
%	Modulus - Divides the left operand by the right operand and returns the **remainder**	5%2	1
**	Exponentiation - Calculates the exponential value of the left operand by the right operand	5**2	25
//	Integer division. Divides the left operand by the right operand and only returns a **whole number** value.	5//2	2

Division operators

Notes:

- Two types of **division**:
  1. `/` operator performs **floating point** division
  2. `//` operator performs **integer** division

     Positive results are truncated, negative results are rounded away from zero

```
>>> -5//2
-3
```

- **Exponent operator (`**`)**: Raises a number to a power
  - `a ** b` is equivalent to a^b

```
>>>
>>> 5/2
2.5
>>> 5//2
2
>>> 6**3
216
>>> 10**2
100
>>>
```

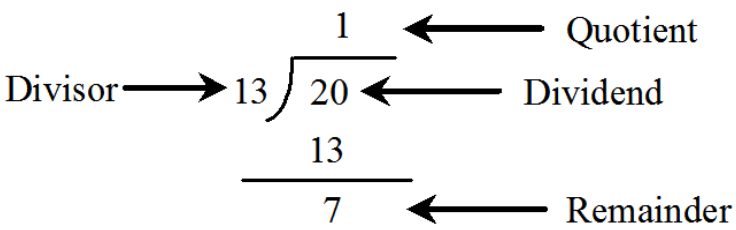
The modulus (remainder) operator

- Modulus operator (`%`): Performs a division and returns the **remainder**
  - e.g., `4%2==0, 5%2==1`
  - A typical coding use is to detect odd or even numbers

```
result = myNumber%2
```

`result` is 0 if myNumber was an **even** *number, 1 if myNumber was* **odd**

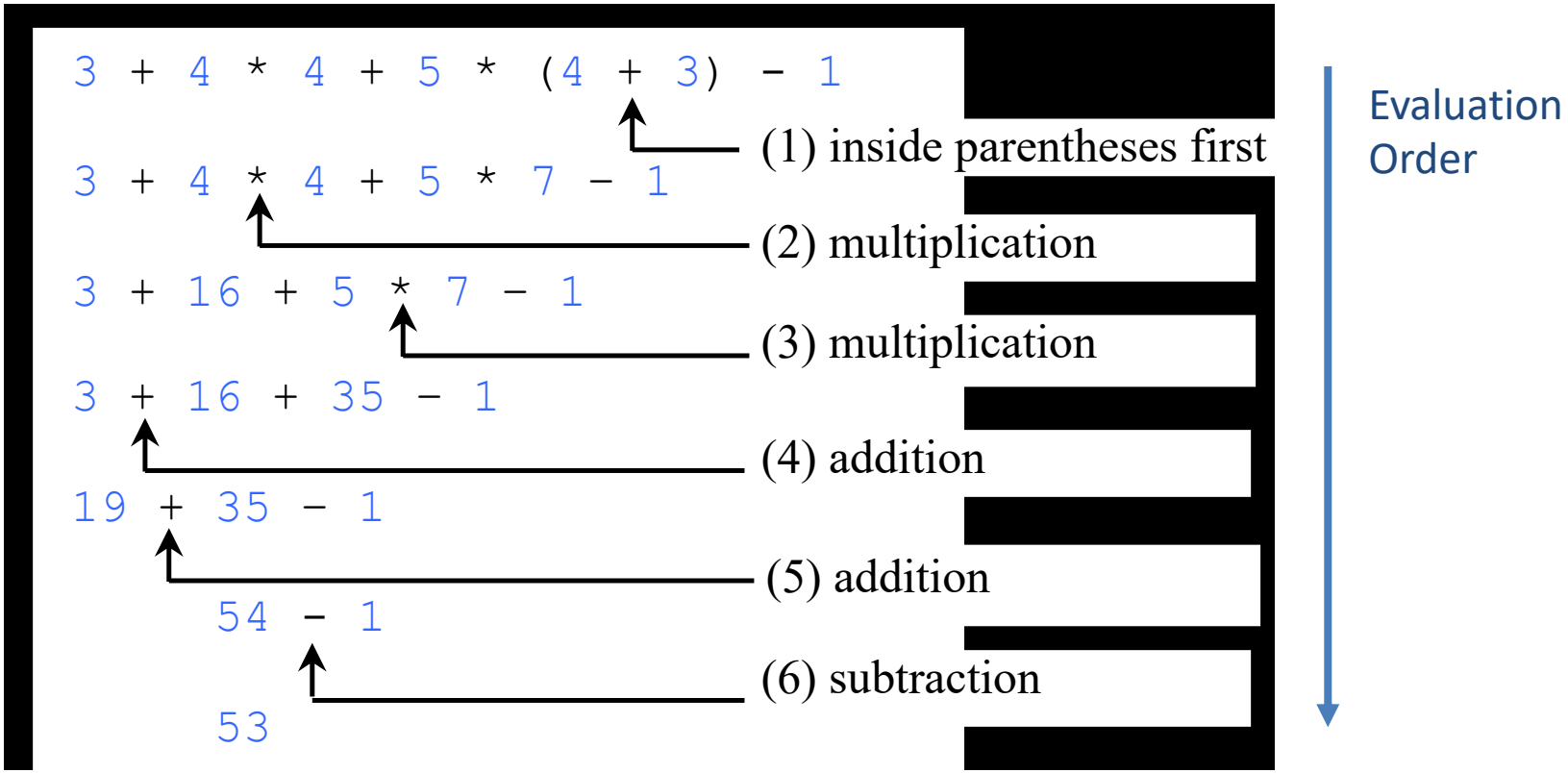
$$3\overline{)7}\ 2,\ 6,\ 1 \qquad 4\overline{)12}\ 3,\ 12,\ 0 \qquad 8\overline{)26}\ 3,\ 24,\ 2$$




```
>>> 7%3
1
>>> 12%4
0
>>> 26%8
2
>>> 20%13
7
```

How to evaluate an expression

Although Python has its own way to evaluate an expression behind the scenes, the result of a Python expression and its corresponding arithmetic expression are the same. Therefore, you can safely apply the **arithmetic rule** for evaluating a Python expression.



Operator precedence

- Python operator precedence (the order of operations):
  1. Operations enclosed in parentheses/brackets
     - Forces operations to be performed before others
  2. Exponentiation (**)
  3. Multiplication (*), division (/ and //), and modulus (%)
  4. Addition (+) and subtraction (-)
- Higher precedence operators are performed first
  - The same precedence operators execute **from left to right** **(all have equal precedence)**

Expression examples

Expression	Value
`5 + 2 * 4`	13
`10 / 2 - 3`	2
`8 + 12 * 2 - 4`	28
`6 - 3 * 2 + 7 - 1`	6
`(5 + 2) * 4`	28
`10 / (5 - 3)`	5
`8 + 12 * (6 - 2)`	56
`(6 - 3) * (2 + 7) / 3`	9

Expression examples

$$\frac{3+4x}{5} - \frac{10(y-5)(a+b+c)}{x} + 9(\frac{4}{x} + \frac{9+x}{y})$$

is translated to

```
(3+4*x)/5 – 10*(y-5)*(a+b+c)/x + 9*(4/x + (9+x)/y)
```

in python

Built-in functions and math module

max, round, abs, pow

```
>>> max(2, 3, 4) # Returns a maximum number
4
>>> min(2, 3, 4) # Returns a minimum number
2
>>> round(3.51) # Rounds to its nearest integer
4
>>> round(3.4) # Rounds to its nearest integer
3
>>> abs(-3) # Returns the absolute value
3
>>> pow(2, 3) # Same as 2 ** 3 (exponentiation function)
8
```

Some math functions

Function	Description	Example
fabs(x)	Returns the absolute value of the argument.	fabs(-2) is 2
ceil(x)	Rounds x up to its nearest integer and returns this integer.	ceil(2.1) is 3 ceil(-2.1) is -2
floor(x)	Rounds x down to its nearest integer and returns this integer.	floor(2.1) is 2 floor(-2.1) is -3
exp(x)	Returns the exponential function of x (e^x).	exp(1) is 2.71828
log(x)	Returns the natural logarithm of x.	log(2.71828) is 1.0
log(x, base)	Returns the logarithm of x for the specified base.	log10(10, 10) is 1
sqrt(x)	Returns the square root of x.	sqrt(4.0) is 2
sin(x)	Returns the sine of x. x represents an angle in radians.	sin(3.14159 / 2) is 1 sin(3.14159) is 0
asin(x)	Returns the angle in radians for the inverse of sine.	asin(1.0) is 1.57 asin(0.5) is 0.523599
cos(x)	Returns the cosine of x. x represents an angle in radians.	cos(3.14159 / 2) is 0 cos(3.14159) is -1
acos(x)	Returns the angle in radians for the inverse of cosine.	acos(1.0) is 0 acos(0.5) is 1.0472
tan(x)	Returns the tangent of x. x represents an angle in radians.	tan(3.14159 / 4) is 1 tan(0.0) is 0
fmod(x, y)	Returns the remainder of x/y as double.	fmod(2.4, 1.3) is 1.1
degrees(x)	Converts angle x from radians to degrees	degrees(1.57) is 90
radians(x)	Converts angle x from degrees to radians	radians(90) is 1.57

Using math functions

- To use a function in the *math* **library** the first statement in your program must be:

```
import math
```

- The *math* library not only has functions but also useful constants like π and e.
- *To use the functions or the constants* in your program you must apply the **dot** (.) operator. The general syntax for usage is:

math.function() **or** ***math.constant***

e.g. `math.sqrt(2)` **square root** $\sqrt{2}$

```
math.pi
```

```
>>>
>>> print(sqrt(2))
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#11>", line 1, in <module>
    print(sqrt(2))
NameError: name 'sqrt' is not defined
>>>
>>> import math
>>> print(math.sqrt(2))
1.4142135623730951
>>> print(math.pi)
3.141592653589793
>>> print(math.log10(10))
1.0
>>>
```

Mixed-type expressions

- The data type resulting from a math operation depends on the data types of the operands
  - Two `int` values: result is an `int`
  - Two `float` values: result is a `float`
  - `int` and `float`: `int` is temporarily converted to `float`, result of the operation is a `float`
    - *This is a "mixed-type"* expression

```
>>> a=5
>>> b=5.5
>>> c = a + b
>>> type (c)
<class 'float'>
```

  - The type conversion of `float` to `int` causes a truncation of the fractional part e.g. 3.1415 → 3

```
>>> int(math.pi)
3
```

Converting math formulas to Python

- An operator is required for any mathematical operation
- When converting a mathematical expression to a programming statement:
  - May need to add multiplication operators

    (the multiplication may be implicit in the mathematical expression, e.g. *a(b+c)* means $a \times (b + c)$
  - May need to insert parentheses/ brackets (to force operator precedence)

Converting math formulas to Python

Algebraic Expression	Operation Being Performed	Programming Expression
$6B$	6 times B	`6 * B`
$(3)(12)$	3 times 12	`3 * 12`
$4xy$	4 times x times y	`4 * x * y`

Algebraic Expression	Python Statement
$y = 3\frac{x}{2}$	`y = 3 * x / 2`
$z = 3bc + 4$	`z = 3 * b * c + 4`
$a = \frac{x + 2}{b - 1}$	`a = (x + 2) / (b - 1)`

Relational operators

- A relational operator compares **two** values and the result specifies whether the relationship is true (or false).
- For example: **1** is less than **2**, but **1** is never greater than **2**.
- The ***truth*** value of relations is often used to make decisions in programs to ensure that a condition for a specific task is met.
  - `1>2` is **`False`**
  - `16>4` is **`True`**
  - `myName = “Jimmy”` # (assign ”Jimmy“ to myName)
    `myName == “Jimmy”` is **`True`**

Does it equal?

```
>>> myName = "Jimmy"
>>> myName == "David"
False
>>> myName == "Jimmy"
True
>>>
```

Relational operators

Operator	Description	Example
`==`	Determines if two values are **equal**.	`1==2` is `False`
`!=`	Determines if two values are **not equal**.	`1!=2` is `True`
`>`	Tells you if the left operand is greater than the right operand value.	`1>2` is `False`
`<`	Tells you if the left operand is smaller than the right operand value.	`1<2` is `True`
`>=`	Tells you if the left operand value is of greater **or** equal value to the right operand value.	`1>=2` is `False`
`<=`	Tells you if the left operand value is of lesser **or** equal value to the right operand value.	`1<=2` is `True`

Logical operators

- Logical operators combine **`True`** or **`False`** values in some way that results in a **`True`** or **`False`** value.
- We use logical operators to create **Boolean expressions**, usually to help us to **decide** when we want a program to perform certain tasks.
  - **`and`** operator, **`or`** operator: these are **binary** operators (2 operands needed), they "connect" two **Boolean** expressions into a ***compound Boolean expression***
  - **`not`** operator: this is a **unary** operator (one operand needed), it reverses the truth of its **Boolean** operand (`True`→`False`, `False`→`True`)

```
>>> x = True
>>> not x
False
>>> y = True
>>> x and y
True
>>> y = False
>>> x and y
False
>>>
```

Logical operators

Operator	Description	Example	Result
`and`	Determines whether both operands are true.	`True and True`	`True`
		`True and False`	`False`
		`False and True`	`False`
		`False and False`	`False`
`or`	Determine when one of two operands is true.	`True or True`	`True`
		`True or False`	`True`
		`False or True`	`True`
		`False or False`	`False`
`not`	Negates the truth value of a single operands. A true value becomes false and a false value becomes true.	`not True`	`False`
		`not False`	`True`

Short-circuit evaluation

- **Short circuit evaluation**: This is when we decide the value of a **compound Boolean** expression after only evaluating **one** sub-expression. Python evaluates from left to right and stops evaluating if the result is "already known"
- Performed by the `or` and `and` operators
  - The `or` operator:
    - If left operand evaluates to **True**, the compound expression must be **True** (*irrespective of the right operand – there's no need to evaluate the right operand so Python doesn't!*).
    - Otherwise, we must evaluate the right operand
  - The `and` operator:
    - If left operand evaluates to **False**, the compound expression must be **False** (*irrespective of the right operand – there's no need to evaluate the right operand so Python doesn't!*).
    - Otherwise, we must evaluate the right operand

```
>>> def myFunc():
        print("myFunc was evaluated!")
        return True

>>> a = True
>>> a or myFunc()
True
>>> a and myFunc()
myFunc was evaluated!
True
>>>
>>> a = False
>>> a or myFunc()
myFunc was evaluated!
True
>>> a and myFunc()
False
>>>
```

The not operator

- Takes **one Boolean** expression as an operand and reverses its logical value
  - Sometimes it may be necessary to place parentheses around an expression to clarify which part you are applying the **not** operator to.
  - E.g.

What is output?

```
x = False
y = not x
z = not (x and y)
print("x =",x)
print("y =",y)
print("z =",z)
```

```
>>> x = False
>>> y = not x
>>> z = not (x and y)
>>> print ("x =", x)
x = False
>>> print ("y =", y)
y = True
>>> print ("z =", z)
z = True
>>>
```

Checking numeric ranges

- To determine whether a numeric value is **within** (between) a specific **range of values**, use the **and** operator:

  Example: `x >= 10 and x <= 20`

  "x is between 10 and 20 (inclusive)"

- To determine whether a numeric value is **outside** of a specific **range of values**, use the **or** operator:*

  Example: `x < 10 or x > 20`

  "x does not fall between 10 and 20"

*a common mistake is to use *and* here.. Why?

```
>>> x = 11
>>> x >= 10 and x <= 20
True
>>> x < 10 or x > 20
False
>>>
>>> x < 10 and x > 20
False
>>>
```

Not make sense!

Assignment operators

- As we have seen in last week's lecture, assignment operators place or store data within a variable.
- We have seen the normal assignment operator **=** already.
  - Please note it is the right-to-left execution rule.
- But there are other assignment operators that can perform mathematical tasks during assignment of data.

  +=, -=, *=

Assignment operators

Operator	Description	Example	Result
=	Assigns the value found in the right operand to the left operand.	`exampleVariable = 5`	`exampleVariable` contains `5`
+=	Adds the value found in the right operand to the value found in the left operand and places the result in the left operand.	`exampleVariable += 2`	`exampleVariable` now contains `7`
-=	Subtracts the value found in the right operand from the value found in the left operand and places the result in the left operand.	`exampleVariable -= 2`	`exampleVariable` now contains `5`
*=	Multiplies the value found in the right operand by the value found in the left operand and places the result in the left operand.	`exampleVariable *= 2`	`exampleVariable` now contains `10`

```
>>> exampleVariable = 5
>>> exampleVariable += 2
>>> print (exampleVariable)
7
>>> exampleVariable -= 2
>>> print (exampleVariable)
5
>>> exampleVariable *= 2
>>> print (exampleVariable)
10
>>>
```

Assignment operators continued...

Operator	Description	Example	Result
/=	Divides the value found in the left operand by the value found in the right operand and places the **result** in the left operand.	`exampleVariable /= 2`	`exampleVariable` now contains 5.0 (float type)
%=	Divides the value found in the left operand by the value found in the right operand and places the **remainder** in the left operand.	`exampleVariable %= 2`	`exampleVariable` now contains 1.0
**=	Determines the **exponential value** found in the left operand when raised to the power of the value found in the right operand and places the result in the left operand.	`exampleVariable **= 2`	`exampleVariable` now contains 1.0
//=	Divides the value found in the left operand by the value found in the right operand and places the **integer (whole number)** result in the left operand.	`exampleVariable //= 2`	`exampleVariable` now contains 0.0

```
>>> exampleVariable /= 2
>>> print (exampleVariable)
5.0
>>> exampleVariable %= 2
>>> print (exampleVariable)
1.0
>>> exampleVariable **= 2
>>> print (exampleVariable)
1.0
>>> exampleVariable //= 2
>>> print (exampleVariable)
0.0
```

```
>>> exampleVariable = 6.8
>>> exampleVariable //= 2
>>> print (exampleVariable)
3.0
>>>
```

Assignment operators continued…

Operator	*Example*	*Equivalent*
`+=`	`i += 8`	`i = i + 8`
`-=`	`f -= 8.0`	`f = f - 8.0`
`*=`	`i *= 8`	`i = i * 8`
`/=`	`i /= 8`	`i = i / 8`
`%=`	`i %= 8`	`i = i % 8`

Membership operators

- The membership operators (`in, not in`) detect the appearance of a value within a **list** or sequence and then output the truth value (`True` or `False`) of that appearance.

- *For example, think of the membership operators as you would say comparing your name to a list of names who are granted access to an exclusive club.*
  - *If your name's on the list (`True`), you're allowed in. If it isn't on the list (`False`), you're not allowed in.*

Membership operators

Operator	Description	Example	Result
`in`	Determines whether the value in the left operand appears in the sequence found in the right operand.	`"Hello" in "Hello Goodbye"`	`True`
`not in`	Determines whether the value in the left operand is missing from the sequence found in the right operand.	`"Hello" not in "Hello Goodbye"`	`False`

Example	Result
`"a" in "abcdef"`	`True`

Identity operators

- Identity operators (`is, is not`) determine if a value or an expression is of a certain class, or type.
- We use the identity operators to ensure we are actually working with the type of data we think we are.
- It helps us to avoid errors in our applications and determine the type of processes a value will require.
  - For example, if we are expecting an integer value as an operand, but are given a string instead, we can make our program more robust by checking we have an integer ***before*** we try to use it.

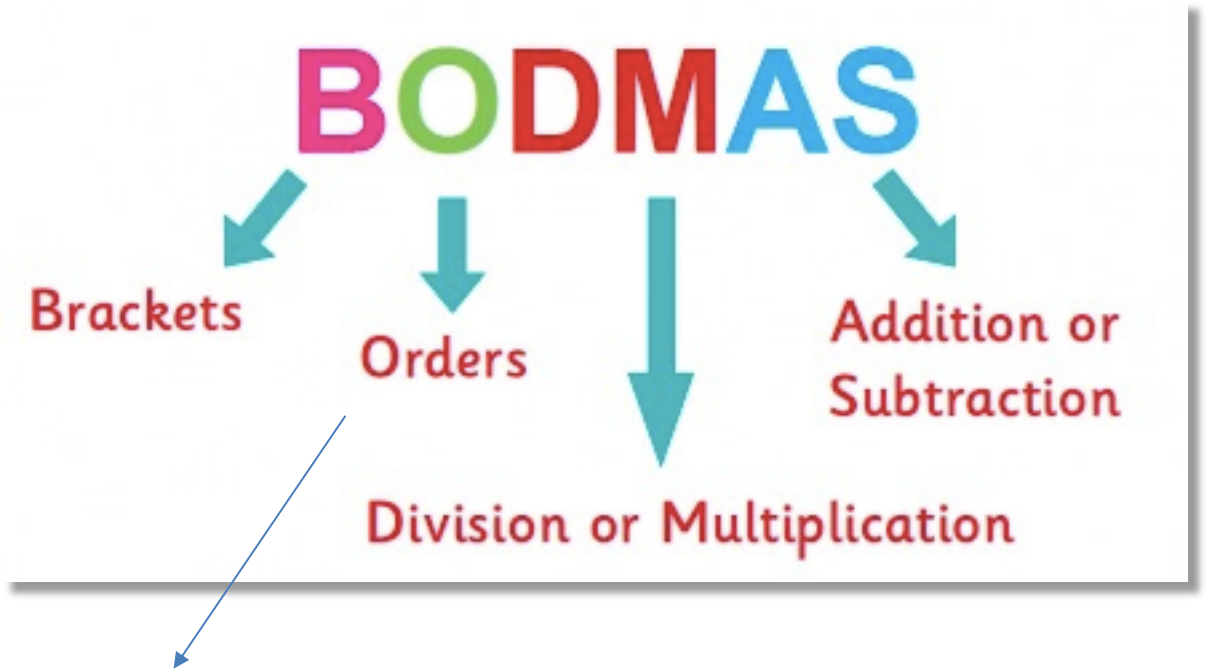
Operator	Description	Example	Result
`is`	Calculates to true when the type of value or expression in the right operand matches the type specified in the left operand.	`type(2) is int`	`True`
`is not`	Calculates to true when the type of value or expression in the right operand does not match the type specified in the left operand.	`type(2) is not int`	`False`

```
>>> type(2) is int
True
>>> type (2.5) is int
False
>>> type (2.5) is not int
True
>>> type (True) is bool
True
>>> type (2) is bool
False
>>>
```

Python operator precedence

Precedence

Bracket first



Orders of Power (squared etc) – also called exponentiation

Python operator precedence

1. ( )
2. **
3. not
4. *, /, //, %
5. +, -
6. <, <=, >, >=
7. ==, !=
8. and
9. or
10. =, +=, -=, *=, /=, //=, %=

Operator precedence and associativity

- The expression in the parentheses/brackets is evaluated first.
  - (Parentheses can be nested, in which case the expression in the inner parentheses is executed first.)
  - When evaluating an expression without parentheses, the operators are applied according to the precedence rule and the **associativity rule**
    - *left-associative rule excepting assignment operators (see the next slide).*

- If operators with the same precedence are next to each other, their associativity determines the order of evaluation.

Operator associativity

All **equal-precedence** (e.g. + and -, * and /) binary operators (except assignment operators) are ***left-associative***.

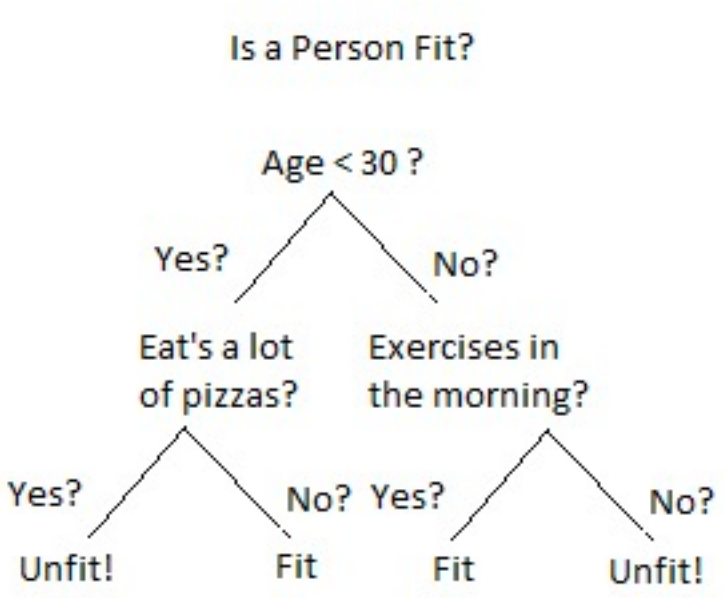
`a - b + c - d` is equivalent to `((a - b) + c) - d`

Assignment operators are ***right-associative***. Therefore, the expression

`a = b += c = 5` is equivalent to `a = (b += (c = 5))`

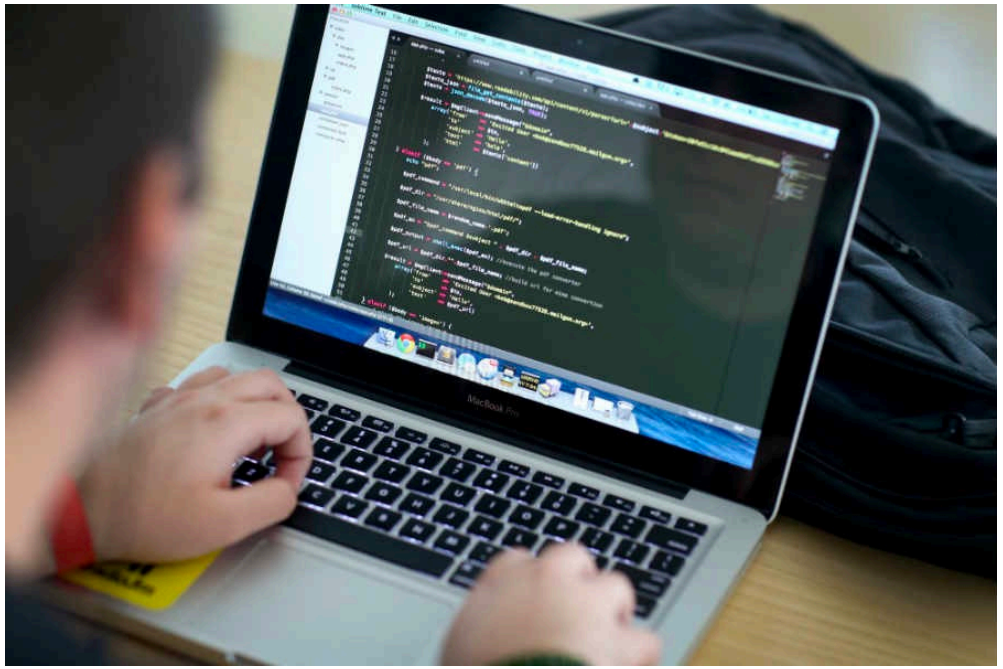
Making decisions

- The ability to make a decision, to take one path or another, is an essential element of performing useful work.
- Any programming language you may use will include the capability to make decisions in some manner.
  - This is known as *branching*.



Decision making with computers

1. Obtain the actual or current value of something.
2. Compare the actual or current value to a desired value.
3. Perform an action that corresponds to the desired outcome of the comparison.



Making simple decisions using ‘if’

- The `if` statement is the easiest method for making a decision in Python.
- The `if` statement simply states that if something is true, Python should perform the *indented* steps that follow.
- We use `if` statements regularly in everyday life.

  Example: *If it’s Monday at 1pm, I’ll attend the KIT001 Lecture.*

The if statement

- Python syntax:

Prompt

```
if condition:
    statement
    statement
```

*Indented statements (1 or more) form a **block** of statements*

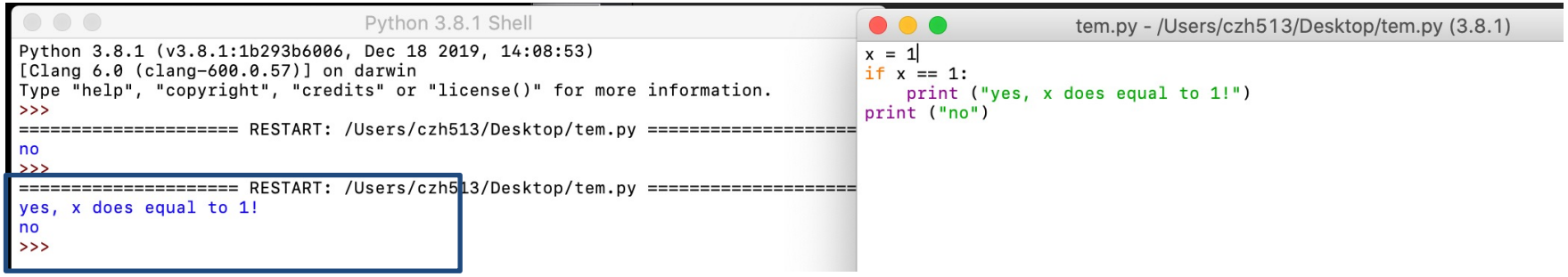
- The first line is known as the `if` clause
  - It includes the keyword `if` followed by a *condition* and a colon/prompt (`:`)
    - The **condition** can evaluate to `True` or `False`
    - When the `if` statement executes, the condition is tested, and if it is **true** the block of indented statements are **executed**. Otherwise, the block of statements are skipped (examples attached)

The if statement

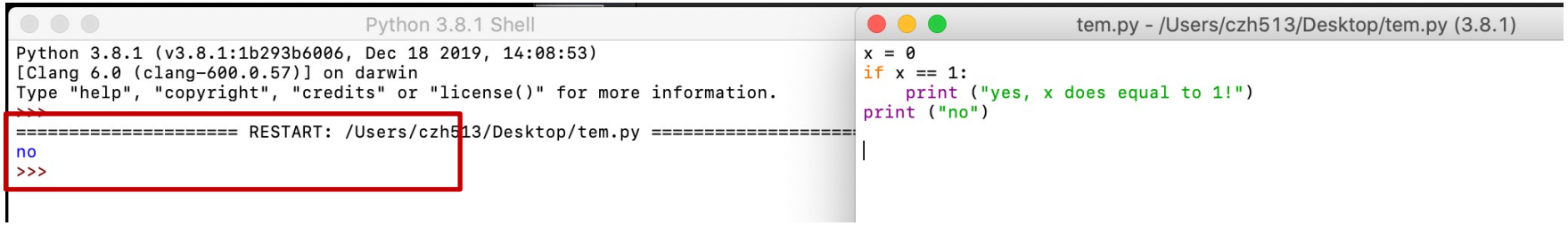
Examples:

When the **`if`** statement executes, the condition is tested,

If it is true, the block of indented statements are executed.



Otherwise, the block of statements are skipped.



Boolean expressions and relational operators

- **Boolean expression**: an expression tested by an `if` statement to determine if it is `True` or `False`
  - Example: `a > b`
    - `True` if a is greater than b; `False` otherwise
- **Relational operator**: determines the truth of whether a specific relationship exists between **two** values
  - Example: *greater than* (`>`)

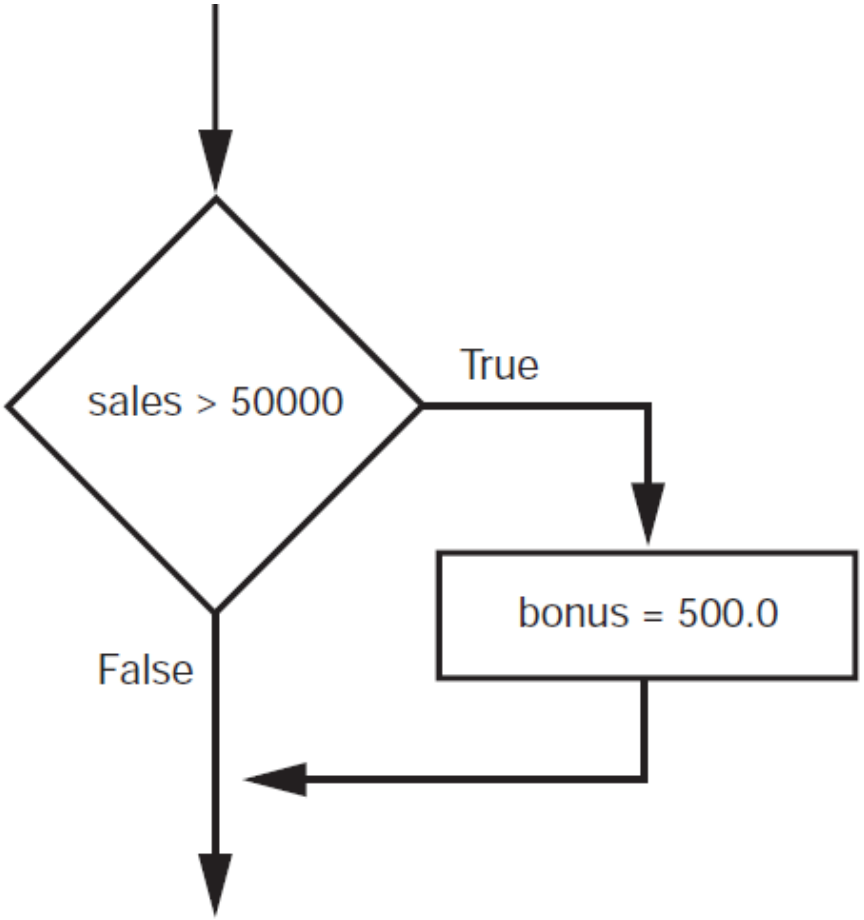
Boolean expressions and relational operators

Expression	Meaning
`x > y`	Is x greater than y?
`x < y`	Is x less than y?
`x >= y`	Is x greater than or equal to y?
`x <= y`	Is x less than or equal to y?
`x == y`	Is x equal to y?
`x != y`	Is x not equal to y?

if statement example

When Python sees *if*, it knows that you want it to make a decision.

```
if sales > 50000:
    bonus = 500.0
```



A flowchart may be helpful?

if statement example

```
if sales == 50000:
    bonus = 500.0
```

means you want Python to determine whether ***sales*** is equal to ***50000***. Note we used **==** here instead of **=** (which would be a semantic error!)

Using the if statement in an application

- It's possible to use the ***if*** statement in a number of ways in Python.
- Three common ways:
  - Use a **single** condition to execute a **single** statement when the condition is true.
  - Use a **single** condition to execute **multiple** statements when the condition is true.
  - **Combine multiple** conditions into a **single** decision and execute **one or more** statements when the combined condition is true.

Performing multiple tasks

- Sometimes we will want to perform **more than one** task after making a decision.
- Python **relies on indentation** to determine when to **stop** executing tasks as part of an ***if*** statement. When the next line is **out dented** (e.g., >>> in the IDLE), it becomes the first line of code **outside** the ***if*** block.

```
if i > 0:
print("i is positive")
```

(a) Wrong

```
if i > 0:
    print("i is positive")
```

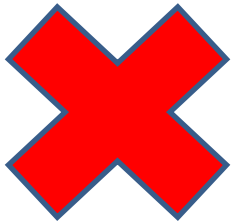
(b) Correct

Common errors

The most common errors in selection statements are caused by incorrect indentation. Consider the following code in (a) and (b).

(a)
```
radius = -20

  if radius >= 0:
     area = radius * radius * 3.14
  print("The area is",area)
```



(b)
```
radius = -20

  if radius >= 0:
     area = radius * radius * 3.14
     print("The area is",area)
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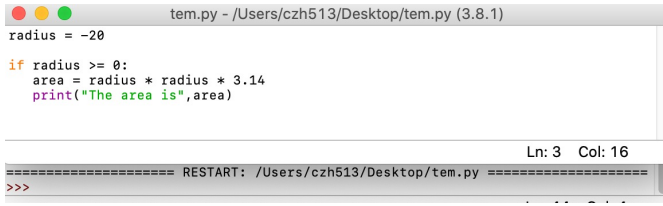
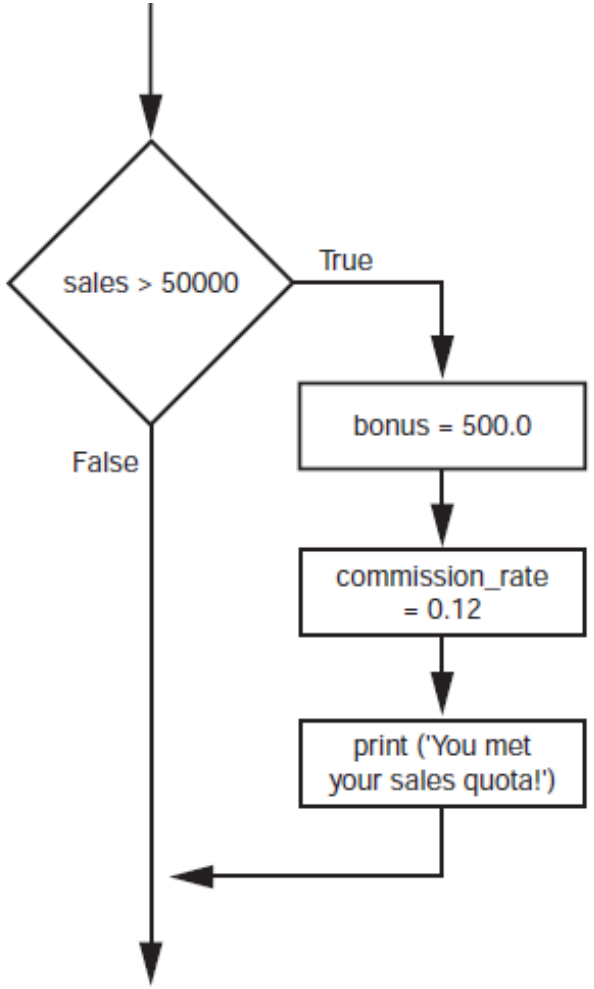


Multiple lines of code in an if statement

```
if sales > 50000:
    bonus = 500.0
    commission_rate = 0.12
    print('You met your sales quota!')
```



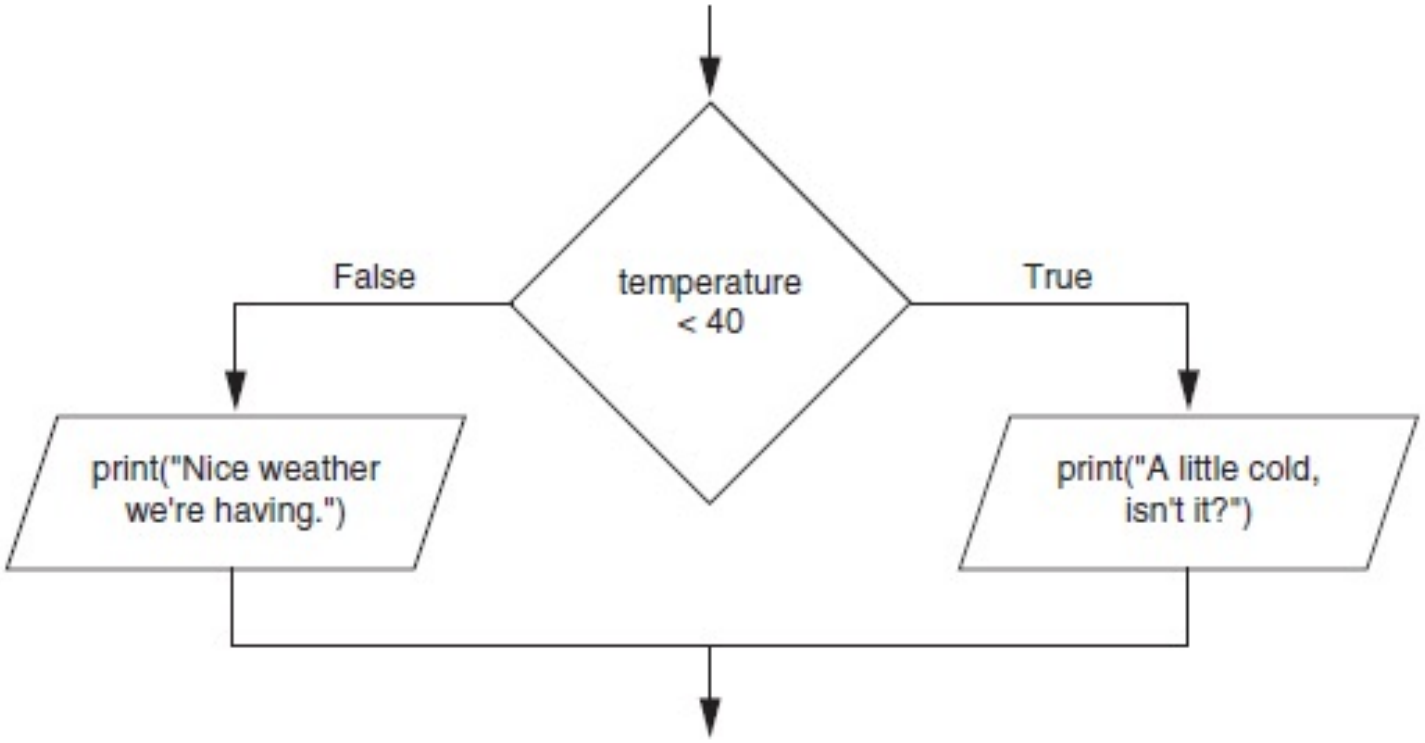
The if-else statement

- **Dual alternative decision structure**: **two** possible paths of execution
  - One is taken if the condition is **`True`**, and the **other** if the condition is **`False`**
  - Syntax:

```
if condition:
    statements
else:
    other statements
```

    (*indent* → `statements`; *indent* → `other statements`)
  - **`if`** clause and **`else`** clause **must** be aligned (same indentation)
  - Statements must be **consistently** indented (same indentation)

The if-else statement



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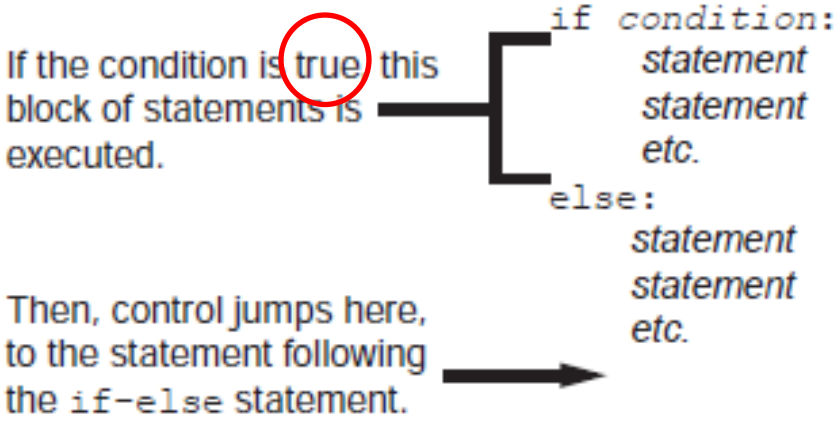
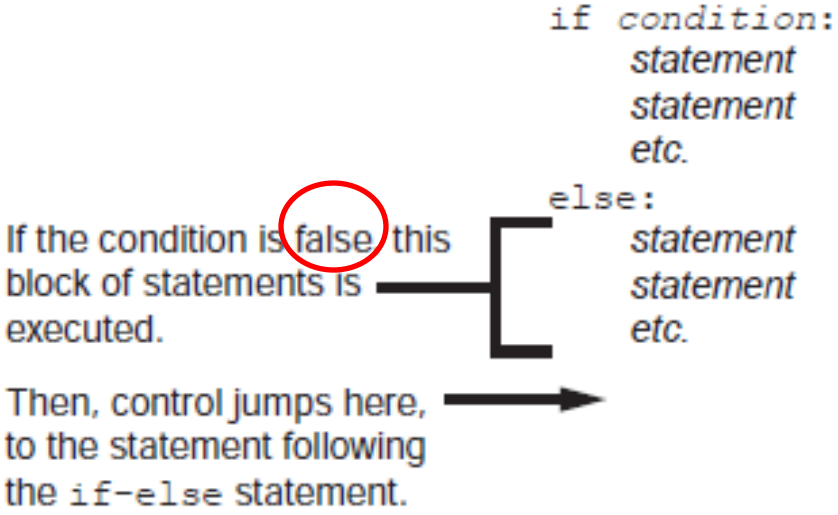




Making multiple comparisons using logical operators

- So far, we have just experimented with a single comparison.
- We often need to make multiple comparisons to account for multiple requirements.
- In order to make multiple comparisons we create **multiple conditions** using relational operators and combine them using logical operators.

Using the if...else statement


```
value = int(input("Type a whole number between 1 and 10: "))
if (value > 0) and (value < 11):
    print("The value you typed is:", value)
    print("Well done!")
else:
    print("The value you typed is not correct:", value)

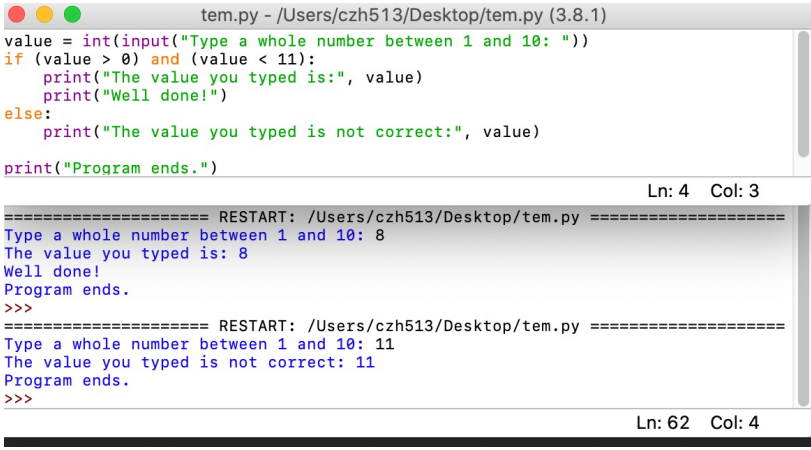
print("Program ends.")
```

multiple conditions

Program Outputs:

```
Type a whole number between 1 and 10: 8
The value you typed is: 8
Well done!
Program ends.

Type a whole number between 1 and 10: 11
The value you typed is not correct: 11
Program ends.
```



Nested decision structures

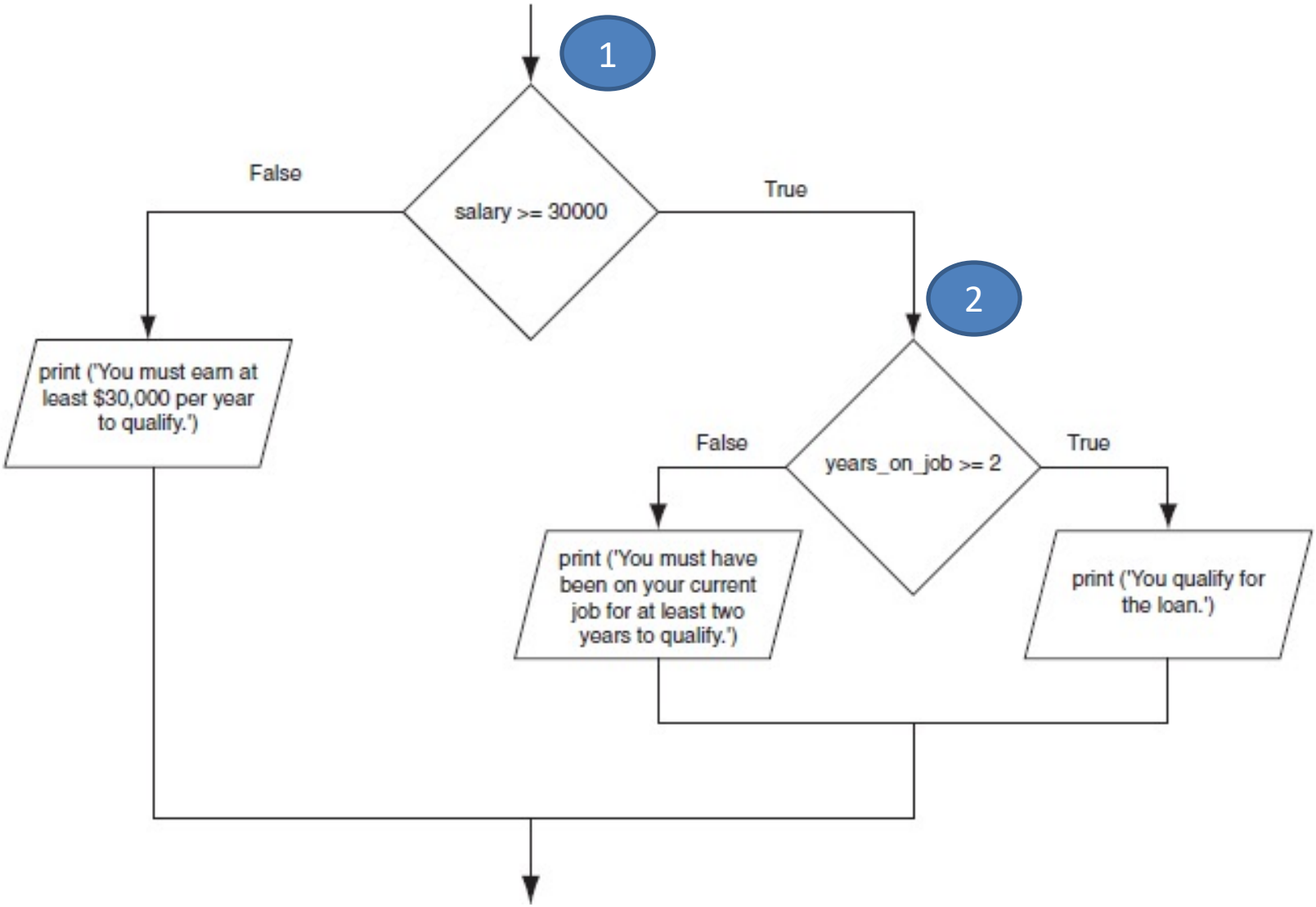
- A decision structure can be nested inside another decision structure (two decisions)
  - This is commonly needed in programs
  - Example:
    - Determine if someone qualifies for a loan, they must meet **two** conditions:

1 – Must earn at least $30,000/year

2 – Must have been employed for at least two years

    - Check the first condition, and if it is true, check the second condition

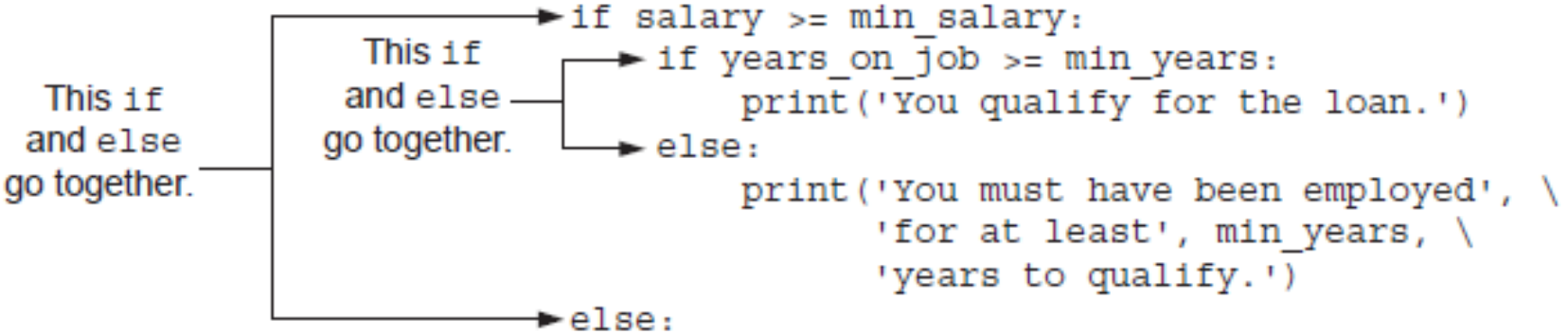
Nested decision structures



Nested decision structures

- It is important to use proper indentation in a nested decision structure
  - Important for Python interpreter as it uses indentation to determine blocks of code
  - Makes code more readable for programmer
  - Reminder: rules for writing nested `if` statements:
    - `else` clause should align with matching `if` clause
    - Statements in each block must be consistently indented

Nested decision structures



Python code

```
if salary >= min_salary:
    if years_on_job >= min_years:
        print('You qualify for the loan.')
    else:
        print('You must have been employed', \
              'for at least', min_years, \
              'years to qualify.')
else:
    print('You must earn at least $', \
          format(min_salary, ',.2f'), \
          ' per year to qualify.', sep='')
```

- A backslash (\) is used to break a long statement into multiple lines to make it more human-readable (the interpreter joins the lines for you)

The if-elif-else statement

- **`if-elif-else`** statement: a special version of a decision structure. It makes the logic of nested decision structures simpler to write and follow. (Read **`elif`** as "**else if**")
- Can include multiple **`elif`** statements and a final (optional) **`else`**

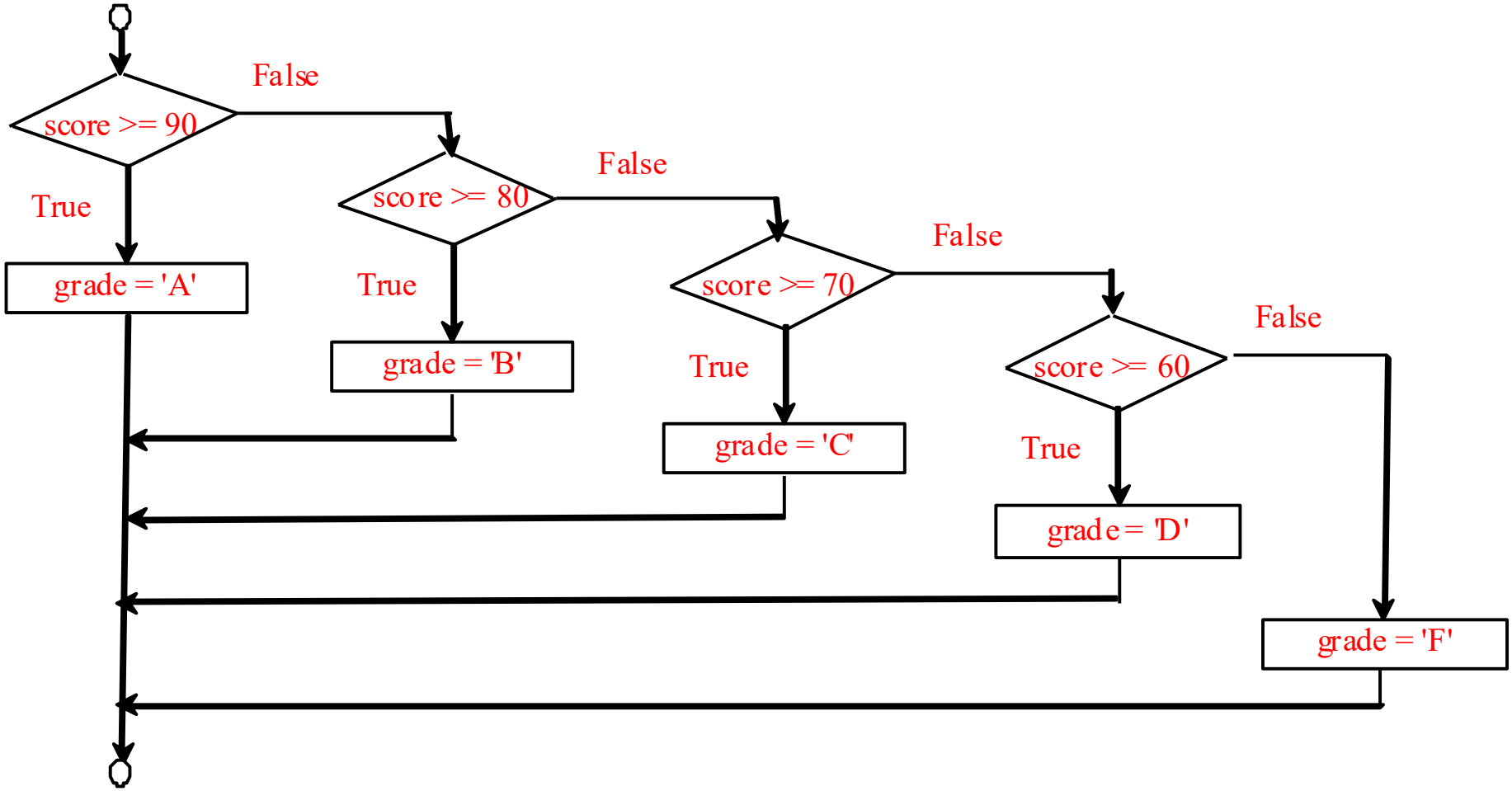
Syntax:

```
if condition 1:
        statements
elif condition 2:
        statements
elif condition 3:
        statements
else:
        statements
```

The if-elif-else statement

- Alignment used with **`if-elif-else`** statement:
  - **`if`**, **`elif`**, and **`else`** clauses are all aligned the same
  - Conditionally executed blocks are consistently indented
  - the **`if-elif-else`** statement logic is easier to follow for the programmer than using multiple nested if and else statements
- But can be accomplished by nested **`if-else`**
    - Code can become complex, and indentation can cause problematic long lines and hard-to-follow logic

Example if flowchart



Multiple alternative if statements

```
if score >= 90.0:
    grade = 'A'
else:
    if score >= 80.0:
        grade = 'B'
    else:
        if score >= 70.0:
            grade = 'C'
        else:
            if score >= 60.0:
                grade = 'D'
            else:
                grade = 'F'
```

(a)

Equivalent

This is better

```
if score >= 90.0:
    grade = 'A'
elif score >= 80.0:
    grade = 'B'
elif score >= 70.0:
    grade = 'C'
elif score >= 60.0:
    grade = 'D'
else:
    grade = 'F'
```

(b)

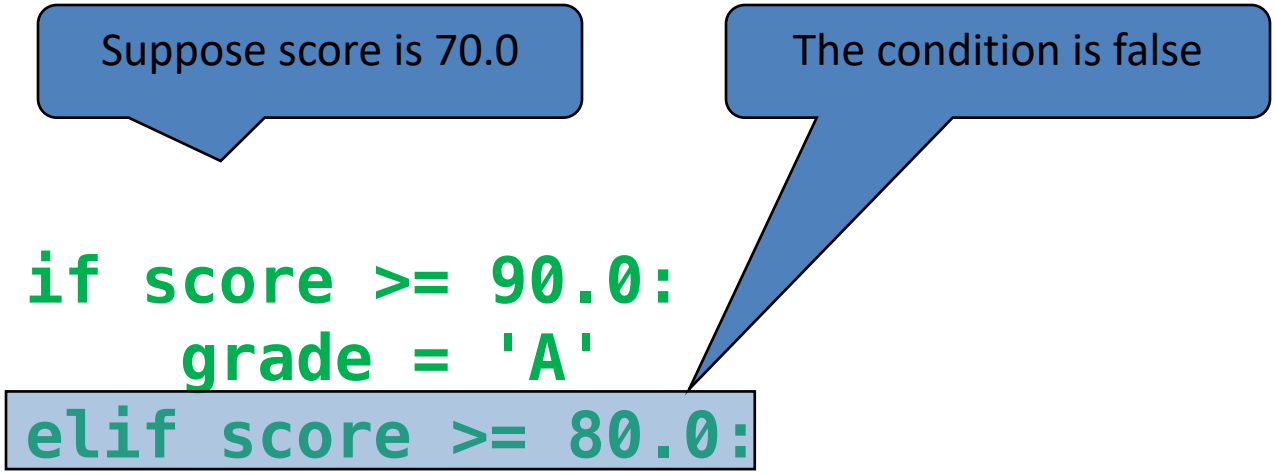
Program flow for example if-else statement

Suppose score is 70.0

The condition is false

```
if score >= 90.0:
    grade = 'A'
elif score >= 80.0:
    grade = 'B'
elif score >= 70.0:
    grade = 'C'
elif score >= 60.0:
    grade = 'D'
else:
    grade = 'F'
```

Program flow for example if-else statement

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    grade = 'D'
else:
    grade = 'F'
```

Program flow for example if-else statement

Suppose score is 70.0

The condition is true

```
if score >= 90.0:
    grade = 'A'
elif score >= 80.0:
    grade = 'B'
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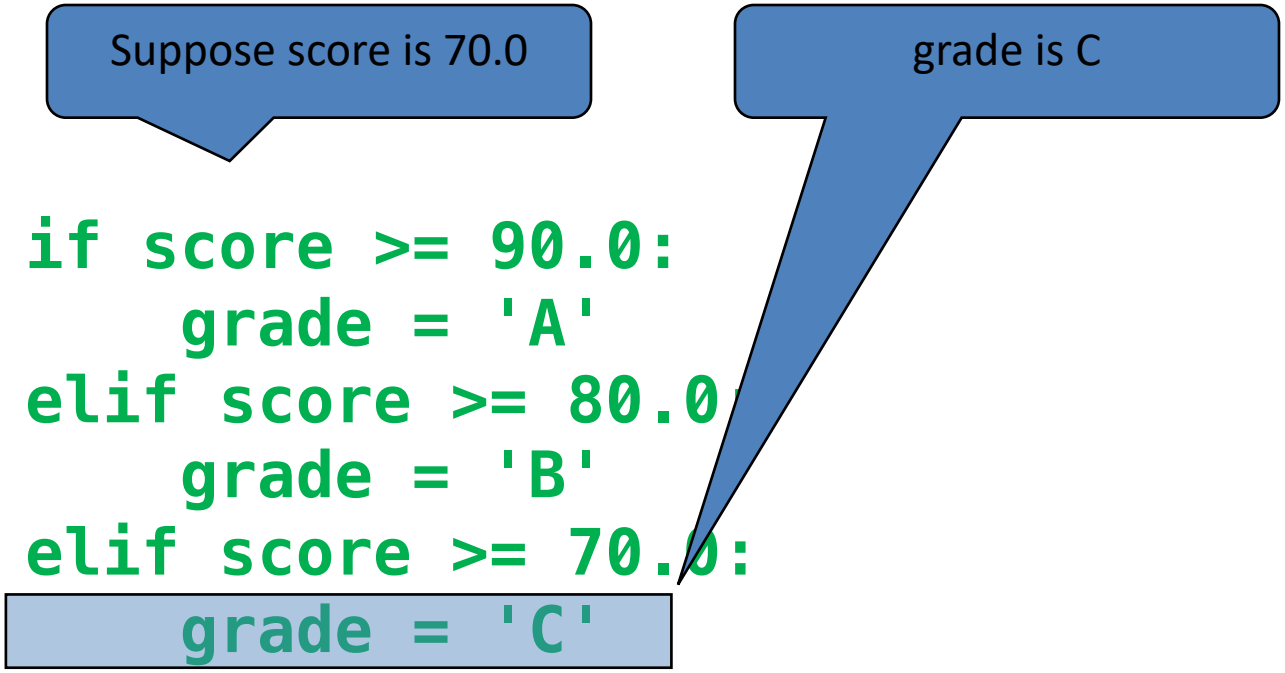


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elif score >= 60.0:
    grade = 'D'
else:
    grade = 'F'
```

Program flow for example if-else statement

Suppose score is 70.0

Exit the if statement

```
if score >= 90.0:
    grade = 'A'
elif score >= 80.0:
    grade = 'B'
elif score >= 70.0:
    grade = 'C'
elif score >= 60.0:
    grade = 'D'
else:
    grade = 'F'
```

These statements are skipped as we found an elif statement that evaluated to True!

Questions?