

Conditionals



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How Do We Make Decisions in a Program?

A conditional statement, or if statement, lets us make decisions in Python



If it's sunny and
90° and higher



Stay inside!



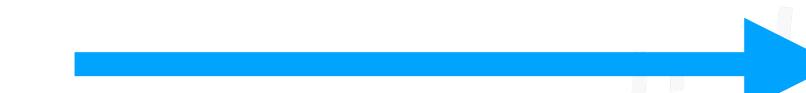
If it's raining



Stay inside!



Otherwise



Go outdoors!



The 6 Python Comparators

<

less than

<=

less than
equal to

==

equal

>=

greater than
equal to

>

greater than

!=

NOT
equal

Assigning 95 to
the temp variable



```
>>> temp = 95
>>> temp == 95
True
```



Making a comparison is
like asking the question:
Is the temp **equal** to 95?

Notice: the assignment is 1 = sign
And the equals to comparator is 2 == signs



The 6 Python Comparators

<

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NOT
equal

*Is the temperature
less than 90?*



```
>>> temp = 95  
>>> temp == 95
```

True

```
...>>> temp < 90  
False
```



An if statement

Lets us *decide* what to do: if *True*, then *do this*.

weather.py

```
temperature = 95 <.....
```

*Assign 95 to the
temperature variable*

```
if temperature > 80: <...>
```

*Is the temperature
greater than 80?*

*<...>
If this is True, let's add
something to do here*

An if statement

Lets us *decide what to do: if True, then do this.*

weather.py

```
temperature = 95  
  
if temperature > 80:    .....  
    print("It's too hot!")  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

This is True

So these lines are run

```
> python3 weather.py  
It's too hot!  
Stay inside!
```

if Code Block

weather.py

```
temperature = 95  
  
if temperature > 80:  
    print("It's too hot!")  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

Any indented code
that comes after
an if statement is
called a code block

```
> python3 weather.py  
It's too hot!  
Stay inside!
```

When the if statement is False

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
if temperature > 80:  
    print("It's too hot!")  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

This is False

So these lines
are NOT run

```
> python3 weather.py
```

▲
⋮

And there is no output

The Program Continues After the if Code Block

weather.py

```
temperature = 75  
  
if temperature > 80:    ←.....  
    print("It's too hot!")  
    print("Stay inside!")  
  
    print("Have a good day!") ←...
```

This is False

The program keeps running after the if statement and its code block, so this is printed after.

```
> python3 weather.py  
Have a good day!
```

▲
⋮
⋮
⋮

Rules for Whitespace in Python

weather.py

```
temperature = 75

if temperature > 80:
    print("It's too hot!")
    print("Stay inside!")
```

2 space indent

4 space indent

```
> python3 weather.py
File "weather.py", line 6
    print("Stay inside!")
          ^
IndentationError: unexpected indent
```



Whitespace indents in Python need to be consistent, otherwise there will be an IndentationError.

An if, else statement

weather.py

```
temperature = 75

if temperature > 80:    ← ⋯ This is False
    print("It's too hot!")
    print("Stay inside!")
```

← ⋯ How do we do something
else here if this is False?

An if, else statement

weather.py

```
temperature = 75

if temperature > 80: ↳
    print("It's too hot!")
    print("Stay inside!")

else:
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")↳
```

*If this statement is False,
then run the code block below*

*Otherwise,
then run this code block*

```
> python3 weather.py
Enjoy the outdoors!
```

if, elif, and else

weather.py

```
temperature = 50

if temperature > 80:    ←... False
    print("It's too hot!")
    print("Stay inside!")

elif temperature < 60:   ←... True
    print("It's too cold!")
    print("Stay inside!")

else:
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

> python3 weather.py
It's too cold!
Stay inside!

*So both of these
lines are run.*

Can We Combine Two if Statements?

weather.py

```
temperature = 75

if temperature > 80:
    print("Stay inside!")
elif temperature < 60:
    print("Stay inside!")
else:
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

*Let's shorten our program
to only say: "Stay inside!"
OR "Enjoy the outdoors!"*

↳...
↳...
*We're repeating
print("Stay inside!")*

*Can we combine the first
2 if statements?*

Logical Operator - or

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
if temperature > 80 or temperature < 60:  
    print("Stay inside!")  
else:  
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

The keyword or lets you combine multiple comparisons.

At least one needs to be True for the whole if statement to be True

Logical Operator - or

Only **one** comparison needs to be *True* for the if statement to be *True*

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

False or False → False

```
if temperature > 80 or temperature < 60:
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

This is run

```
> python3 weather.py  
Enjoy the outdoors!
```

Logical Operator - or

Only **one** comparison needs to be *True* for the if statement to be *True*

weather.py

```
temperature = 50
```

False or True → True

```
if temperature > 80 or temperature < 60:  
    print("Stay inside!")  
else:  
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

This is run

```
> python3 weather.py  
Stay inside!
```

Store the Forecast as a String

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
forecast = "rainy" ←.....
```

Let's add another variable with the forecast as "rainy", "cloudy", or "sunny".

Logical Operator - and

Both comparisons need to be True for the if statement to be True

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
forecast = "rainy"

if temperature < 80 and forecast != "rain":
    print("Go outside!")
else:
    print("Stay inside!")
```

Logical Operator - and

Both comparisons need to be True for the if statement to be True

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
forecast = "rainy"

True and False → False

if temperature < 80 and forecast != "rain":
    print("Go outside!")
else:
    print("Stay inside!") ←··· This is run
```

Logical Operator - and

Both comparisons need to be True for the if statement to be True

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
forecast = "sunny"

True and True → True
if temperature < 80 and forecast != "rain":
    print("Go outside!")
else:
    print("Stay inside!")
```

←… *This is run*

Logical Operator - not

The keyword **not** lets you negate a comparison. And can help make the statement more readable.

weather.py

```
forecast = "rainy"
```

```
if not forecast == "rainy"
    print("Go outside!")
else:
    print("Stay inside!")
```

Logical Operator - not

weather.py

```
forecast = "rainy"  
  
not True → False  
if not forecast == "rainy"  
    print("Go outside!")  
else:  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

Negate means make the opposite:
not True → False,
not False → True

This is run

The 3 Python Logical Operators

and

or

not

The keywords `and` and `or` let you combine multiple comparisons

The keyword `not` lets you negate a comparison



All of the Primitive Data Types

```
>>> amount = 10
```

int

```
>>> amount = 10.50
```

float

```
>>> name = "Sarah"
```

string

```
>>> answer = True
```

boolean

A boolean **can store a**
True or False value



Evaluating Boolean Variables

weather.py

```
raining = True
```

You can set boolean variables
to either True or False

```
if raining:  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

This reads more like English

```
> python3 weather.py  
Stay inside!
```

Evaluating Boolean Variables

weather.py

```
raining = True
```

not True → False

```
if not raining:  
    print("Go outside!")  
else:  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

This is run

```
> python3 weather.py  
Stay inside!
```

Up Next:

Demo:

Rock, Paper, Scissors



Importing Modules



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A Random Rock, Paper, Scissors Game

How can we randomly pick the computer's choice?

The computer has the same choice every time



```
computer_choice = 'scissors'  
user_choice = input("Do you want - rock, paper, or scissors?\n")
```

...



The user gets to pick a new choice for each game

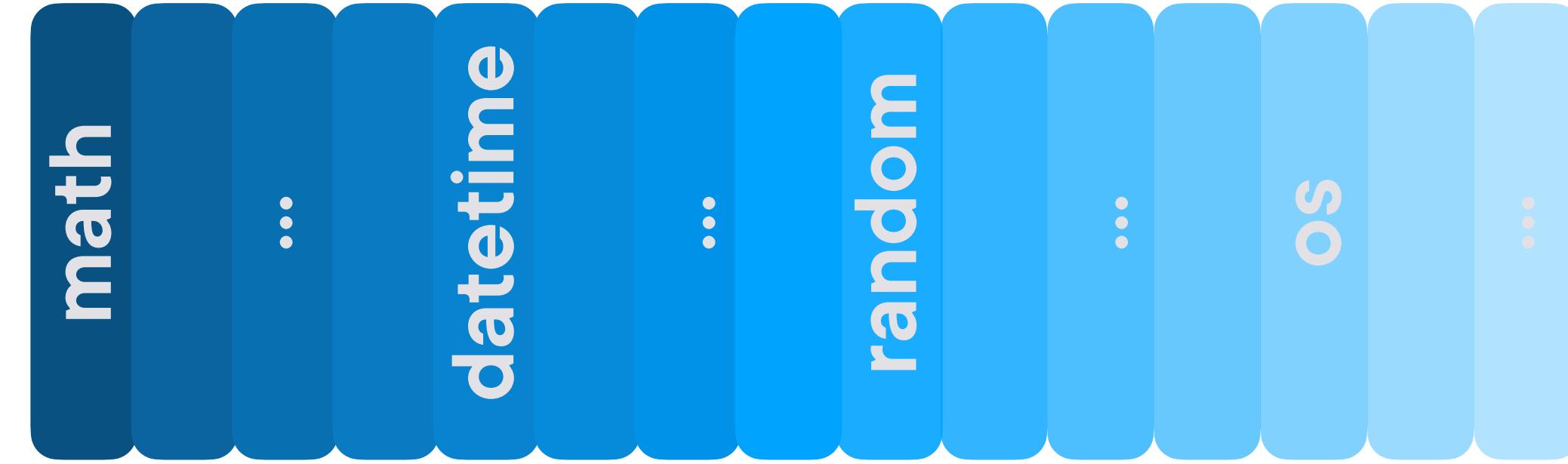


When You Install Python

Python

**Python's built-in
functionality**

Our programs so far have
just used Python and its
built-in types and functions



**Python Standard
Library**

But if you need something
extra you can import it from
the Python standard library



Looking Up the random Module



Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random
```



We need to import the module to use it

```
roll = random.randint(1, 6)
```



This function will return a random number between 1 and 6

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random  
  
roll = random.randint(1,6)  
  
print("The computer rolled a " + str(roll))
```

Don't forget to convert the int to a string to concatenate it.

```
> python3 roll_dice.py  
The computer rolled a 6
```

If we ran this more times we would see different random numbers generated.

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random

roll = random.randint(1, 6)

guess = int(input('Guess the dice roll:\n'))
```

We want to convert the input to an int so we can compare guess to roll.

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
```

```
Guess the dice roll:
```

```
6
```

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random

roll = random.randint(1,6)

guess = int(input('Guess the dice roll:\n'))

if guess == roll:
    print("Correct! They rolled a " + str(roll))
```

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
Guess the dice roll:
6
Correct! They rolled a 6
```

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random

roll = random.randint(1,6)

guess = int(input('Guess the dice roll:\n'))

if guess == roll:
    print("Correct! They rolled a " + str(roll))
```

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
Guess the dice roll:
6
```



Why isn't there
more output now?

We need an else statement
for when the guess is wrong.

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random

roll = random.randint(1,6)
guess = int(input('Guess the dice roll:\n'))

if guess == roll:
    print("Correct! They rolled a " + str(roll))
else:
    print("Wrong! They rolled a " + str(roll))
```

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
Guess the dice roll:
6
Wrong! They rolled a 4
```

Up Next:

Demo: Randomize Rock, Paper, Scissors

