

Chapter 5: Logical and Assignment Operators

How Python makes decisions and remembers changes.

Introduction

In real life, we make decisions:

- “If I finish my work **and** it's sunny, I'll go out.”
- “If it's cold **or** raining, I'll stay home.”

Python does the same—with **logical operators**.

And just like we update things (“add 5 to your score”), Python updates values with **assignment operators**.

This chapter covers:

- Logical Operators: `and`, `or`, `not`
- Assignment Operators: `=`, `+=`, `-=`, etc.
- Truth tables and combined logic
- Practice + mini projects

Logical Operators

Logical operators let Python **combine multiple conditions**.

Operator	Description	Example	Result
<code>and</code>	True if both are True	<code>True and False</code>	False
<code>or</code>	True if at least one is True	<code>True or False</code>	True
<code>not</code>	Reverses the result	<code>not True</code>	False

Truth Table:

A	B	<code>A and B</code>	<code>A or B</code>	<code>not A</code>
True	True	True	True	False
True	False	False	True	False
False	True	False	True	True
False	False	False	False	True

Code Example:

```
1 x = 5
2 y = 10
3
4 print(x > 0 and y > 0)    # True
5 print(x > 0 and y < 0)    # False
6 print(x > 0 or y < 0)     # True
7 print(not x > 0)          # False
```

Nested Logic with Parentheses

Parentheses help you group logic just like math:

```
1 a = 4
2 b = 12
3
4 print((a > 3 and b < 20) or (a == 2)) # → True
```

Common Mistake — `=` vs `==`

```
1 x = 5
2
3 # ❌ Wrong
4 if x = 5:
5     print("Yes")    # SyntaxError
6
7 # ✅ Correct
8 if x == 5:
9     print("Yes")
```

Use:

- `=` to assign
- `==` to compare

Assignment Operators

Assignment operators are shortcuts for updating variables.

Operator	Action	Example	Equivalent
<code>=</code>	Assign	<code>x = 5</code>	x becomes 5
<code>+=</code>	Add and assign	<code>x += 3</code>	<code>x = x + 3</code>
<code>-=</code>	Subtract	<code>x -= 2</code>	<code>x = x - 2</code>

Operator	Action	Example	Equivalent
<code>*=</code>	Multiply	<code>x *= 2</code>	<code>x = x * 2</code>
<code>/=</code>	Divide	<code>x /= 3</code>	<code>x = x / 3</code>
<code>//=</code>	Floor divide	<code>x //= 2</code>	<code>x = x // 2</code>
<code>%=</code>	Modulus	<code>x %= 4</code>	<code>x = x % 4</code>
<code>**=</code>	Exponent	<code>x **= 3</code>	<code>x = x ** 3</code>

Code Example:

```

1 score = 10
2 score += 5
3 print(score) # → 15
4
5 score *= 2
6 print(score) # → 30

```

Mini Quiz or Challenge

1. What is `True and False or True`?
2. What does `not (4 > 2)` return?
3. If `x = 3` and `x += 2`, what's the new value of `x`?
4. Fix the bug: `if x = 5:`

Tips and Mistakes

- ✓ Use `and` when both things must be true
- ✓ Use `or` when either condition is enough
- ✓ Use `not` to flip the result
- ✓ Use assignment shortcuts to write less
- X Don't confuse `=` and `==`
- X Don't forget parentheses in complex logic

Summary Recap

- Logical operators: `and`, `or`, `not`
- Used to combine comparisons or conditions
- Assignment operators: `=`, `+=`, `-=`, etc.
- Used to update values quickly

- Use parentheses `()` to group logic
- `=` assigns, `==` compares

Mini-Project Exercise

Build a pass/fail checker with extra logic

```
1 math = int(input("Enter Math marks: "))
2 science = int(input("Enter Science marks: "))
3
4 if math >= 35 and science >= 35:
5     print("You passed both subjects!")
6 else:
7     print("You need to work harder.")
8
9 # Add bonus
10 math += 5
11 print("With bonus, your math marks are:", math)
```

Practice Exercises

Basic

1. Check if a number is greater than 10 **and** even
2. Use `or` to check if either of two numbers is positive
3. Use `not` to check if a condition is False
4. Start with `x = 10`, then `x += 3`, print final value
5. Show the difference between `=` and `==` in a short snippet

Intermediate

- A1.** Write a program to check if a number is **between 10 and 20**
- A2.** Use all three logical operators in one `if` condition
- A3.** Create a program where the user inputs a number. Add 10 to it using `+=`, then print whether it's now above 50
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