

Module 2: Comparison & Logic - Complete Notes

What You'll Learn

In this module, you'll master the art of **making decisions in code**. Every `if` statement, every filter, every validation — they all come down to comparison. By the end, you'll think in conditions naturally.

Concept Explained (Like a YouTube Video)

The Basics

Alright, welcome back! In this module, we're tackling something you'll use in literally **every program you ever write** — comparisons!

Think about it: How does your code decide what to do? It **asks questions** and gets YES/NO answers.

- Is the user logged in? → YES → Show dashboard
- Is the password correct? → NO → Show error
- Is the response time under 200ms? → YES → Test passes

These are all **comparisons**!

The Six Comparison Operators

Think of these as the **six questions** you can ask:

OPERATOR	QUESTION	EXAMPLE
>	Is left GREATER than right?	10 > 5 ✓
<	Is left LESS than right?	3 < 7 ✓
==	Are they EQUAL?	5 == 5 ✓
!=	Are they DIFFERENT?	5 != 3 ✓
>=	Is left \geq right?	5 \geq 5 ✓
<=	Is left \leq right?	4 \leq 7 ✓

Visual Understanding

Let's visualize on a number line:

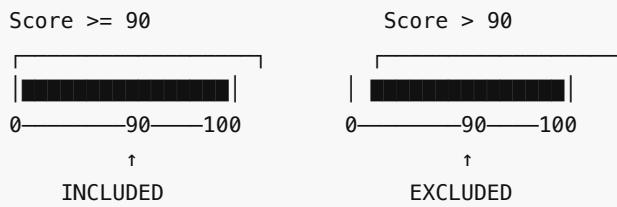


For $x = 5$:

- $x > 3 \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$ (5 is to the RIGHT of 3)
- $x < 3 \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$ (5 is NOT to the LEFT of 3)
- $x == 5 \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$ (same position)
- $x \geq 5 \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$ (same or right)
- $x \geq 6 \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$ (5 is left of 6)

The Key Insight: Boundaries

The difference between `>` and `>=` is **THE BOUNDARY**:



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Code Examples

```
# Example 1: Simple Comparison
age = 25

if age >= 18:
    print("Adult - can vote")
else:
    print("Minor - cannot vote")
```

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# Example 2: Range Check
score = 85

if score >= 80 and score <= 89:
    grade = "B"
elif score >= 90:
    grade = "A"
elif score >= 70:
    grade = "C"
else:
    grade = "F"
```

```
# Example 3: Finding Maximum
def find_maximum(a, b, c):
    max_val = a
    if b > max_val:
        max_val = b
    if c > max_val:
        max_val = c
    return max_val
```

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```
# SDET Scenario: Response Validation

def validate_api_response(response):
    results = {
        "status_valid": 200 <= response["status_code"] < 300,
        "time_valid": response["time_ms"] <= 200,
        "data_valid": response["item_count"] > 0
    }
    results["overall"] = all(results.values())
    return results
```

🔑 Key Takeaways

- ✓ Comparison always returns True or False
 - ✓ `>=` and `<=` INCLUDE the boundary
 - ✓ `>` and `<` EXCLUDE the boundary
 - ✓ Range checks need two comparisons with AND
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Next up: Module 3 - Number Properties (Even & Odd)! 🚀