

# Ch04-Conditionals

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## 1 Conditionals - flow-control structures

- <http://openbookproject.net/thinkcs/python/english3e/conditionals.html>

### 1.1 Topics

- conditional statements and types
- comparison operators
- Truth tables

### 1.2 Conditional/Logical Structures

- conditional statements control the flow of execution of codes
  - makes some block of code to skip or execute based on some conditions
  - loosely speaking, it helps computer think and make decision
- boolean values - True or False
- boolean expressions - comparison operators are used to compare values that result in True or False

### 1.3 Comparison operators

- allow us to compare data values resulting in True or False outcome
- these are binary operators; take two operands where left hand side is compared with right hand side
- `==` (equal to)
- `!=` (not equal to)
- `>` (greater than)
- `>=` (greater than or equal to)
- `<` (less than)
- `<=` (less than or equal to)
- comparison operators are used to create conditional statements

```
[2]: # Examples of various comparison operators
x = 5
y = 10
```

```
[3]: # Is x equal to y? True or False?
x == y
```

[3]: False

```
[4]: # Is x not equal to y? True or False?  
x != y
```

[4]: True

```
[5]: # Is x is greater than y? True or False?  
x > y
```

[5]: False

```
[6]: # Is x less than y?  
x < y
```

[6]: True

```
[7]: # Is x less than or equal to y?  
x <= y
```

[7]: True

```
[8]: # Is x greater than or equal to y  
x >= y
```

[8]: False

## 1.4 Conditional execution

- execute or skip a block of code when some condition is met
- conditional statements are created using keyword **if (condition)**
- three types of conditional selectors
- One-way, Two-way and Multi-way selectors

## 1.5 One-way selector

- just an if statement by itself
- syntax:

```
if <boolean expression> == True:  
    # execute this block of code
```

- boolean expression can also compare to False; the ultimate comparison result has to be True!

### 1.5.1 Visualize in PythonTutor.com

```
[10]: if True:
      print('Hello, there!')
```

Hello, there!

```
[9]: a = 'apple'
     if a == 'apple': # this should evaluate True
         print('value of a equals to apple')
     print('continue execution here...')
```

value of a equals to apple  
continue execution here...

```
[12]: a = 'apple'
     if a == 'Apple': # this should evaluate False
         print('value of a equal to Apple') # this block will NOT be executed!
     print('continue execution here...')
```

continue execution here...

## 1.6 Two-way selector

- if statement followed by else statement
- syntax:

```
if <boolean expression> == True:
    # execute this block of code
else:
    # otherwise, execute this
```

### 1.6.1 Visualize in PythonTutor.com

```
[13]: num1 = 100.5
      num2 = 100.49999999999999

      if num1 > num2:
          print('{} is greater than {}'.format(num1, num2))
      else:
          print('{} is NOT greater than {}'.format(num1, num2))
```

100.5 is greater than 100.49999999999999

```
[14]: if 10 >= 20:
      print('print 10 is greater than or equal to 20')
      else:
          print('print 10 is NOT greater than or equal to 20')
```

```
print 10 is NOT greater than or equal to 20
```

## 1.7 Multi-way selector

- similar to multiple-choice questions with only one valid answer
- start from first **if statement**, if a **conditional expression** is evaluated True, the rest **elif** and **else** are ignored

```
if <condition1>:
    # block1
    # execute this...
elif <condition2>:
    # block2
    # execute this
...
...
else:
    # if all the previous conditions are evaluated False; this is the alternative!
    # else block
    # execute code in this block
```

```
[15]: # Guess the number entered by user
ans = int(input('Enter a number between 1-5: '))
if ans == 1:
    print('You entered 1')
elif ans == 2:
    print('You entered 2')
elif ans == 3:
    print('You entered 3')
elif ans == 4:
    print('You entered 4')
elif ans == 5:
    print('You entered 5')
elif ans > 5:
    print('You entered a number larger than 5')
else:
    print('Hmm.... I do not know what you entered!')
```

```
Enter a number between 1-5: 2
```

```
You entered 2
```

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## 1.8 Logical Operators

**and**, **or**, and **not** – allow to build more complex boolean expressions

Truth table for **and**

a	b	a <b>and</b> b
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

Truth table for or

a	b	a <b>or</b> b
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Truth table for not

a	not a
T	F
F	T

### 1.8.1 Order of Evaluations of operators and expressions:

- Highest to Lowest: <http://www.informit.com/articles/article.aspx?p=459269&seqNum=11>

```
[19]: # and demo
num = 10
if (num%2 == 0 and num > 0):
    print(f"{num} is even and positive")
```

10 is even and positive

```
[18]: # and demo
num = -14
if num %2 == 0 and num < 0:
    print(f"{num} is even and negative")
```

-14 is even and negative

```
[20]: # or demo
# a retimerment calculator
money = int(input('How much money have you saved? '))
ferrari = input('Do you have a farrari? [y/yes | n/no]: ')
if money >= 1000000 or ferrari == 'y' or ferrari == 'yes':
    print('Congrats!! You can retire now.')
else:
```

```
print('Sorry, keep working!!')
```

How much money have you saved? 100000  
Do you have a farrari? [y/yes | n/no]: yes  
Congrats!! You can retire now.

```
[35]: # not example
if not False:
    print('True')
```

True

```
[23]: # not demo
# a retimerment calculator
money = int(input('How much money have you saved? '))
ferrari = input('Do you have a farrari? [y/yes | n/no]: ')
if not (money >= 1000000 or ferrari == 'y' or ferrari == 'yes'):
    print('Sorry, keep working!!')
else:
    print('Congrats!! You can retire now.')
```

How much money have you saved? 10  
Do you have a farrari? [y/yes | n/no]: y  
Congrats!! You can retire now.

## 1.9 Nested conditionals

- conditional statements can be nested inside another conditional statements
- syntax:

```
if condition:
    if condition1:
        # do something
    else:
        # do something else
        if condition2:
            # do something...
else:
    # do this...
```

```
[24]: # program that determines if a given number is even or odd, positive or
      ↪negative
num = -100
if num == 0:
    print(f'{num} is zero!')
elif num%2 == 0:
    if num > 0:
        print(f"{num} is even and positive")
    else:
```

```

        print(f'{num} is even and negative')
    else:
        if num > 0:
            print(f'{num} is odd and positive')
        else:
            print(f'{num} is odd and negative')

print('done')

```

```

-100 is even and negative
done

```

### 1.9.1 Visualize in PythonTutor.com

### 1.10 Exercises

Exercise 1: Write a program to test whether a given whole number is even, odd or zero.

```

[46]: x = input('Enter a whole number: ')
      x = int(x)
      if x == 0:
          print(x, 'is zero')
      elif x%2 == 0:
          print(x, 'is even')
      else:
          print(x, 'is odd')

```

```

Enter a whole number:1
1 is odd

```

Exercise 1.1: Rewrite Exercise 1 using a function and write 2 test cases.

```

[6]: def isEvenOddOrZero(num):
      if num == 0:
          return 'zero'
      elif num%2 == 0:
          return 'even'
      else:
          return 'odd'

```

```

[7]: def test():
      assert isEvenOddOrZero(10) == 'even'
      assert isEvenOddOrZero(0) == 'zero'
      assert isEvenOddOrZero(19) == 'odd'
      print('all test cases passed...')

```

```

[8]: test()

```

```

all test cases passed...

```

Exercise 2. Write a function that returns whether the given whole number is positive or negative. Also write at least 2 test cases.

```
[47]: def positiveNegativeOrZero(num):  
    if num == 0:  
        return 'zero'  
    elif num > 0:  
        return 'positive'  
    else:  
        return 'negative'
```

```
[48]: def test_positiveNegativeOrZero():  
    assert positiveNegativeOrZero(0) == 'zero'  
    assert positiveNegativeOrZero(100) == 'positive'  
    assert positiveNegativeOrZero(-99.99) == 'negative'  
    print('all test cases passed for positiveNegativeOrZero()')
```

```
[49]: test_positiveNegativeOrZero()
```

all test cases passed for positiveNegativeOrZero()

Exercise 3: Write a program that converts students' grade value (0-100) to corresponding letter grade (A-F) where

90 and above is A 80 and above is B 70 and above is C 60 and above is B 59 and below is F

Write test cases to test each outcome.

Exercise 4: Write a program that helps someone decide where to go eat lunch depending on amount of money one has in their pocket.

Exercise 5: Given a day of week as integer (say 1 for Sunday) write a program that tells whether that day is weekend, or weekday and the actual name of the day.

Exercise 6: Write a program that determines whether someone is eligible to vote in the US federal election.

Exercise 7: Write a function day\_name that converts an integer number 0 to 6 into the name of a day. Assume day 0 is "Sunday". Once again, return None if the argument to the function is not valid.

```
[1]: def day_name(day):  
    pass
```

```
[2]: # Here are some tests that should pass  
def test_day_name():  
    assert day_name(3) == "Wednesday"  
    assert day_name(6) == "Saturday"  
    assert day_name(42) == None  
    print('all test cases passed for day_name()')
```



```
[3]: test_day_name()
```

```
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AssertionError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-3-97913494fc66> in <module>()  
----> 1 test_day_name()  
  
<ipython-input-2-3f7d21d757ff> in test_day_name()  
      1 def test_day_name():  
----> 2     assert day_name(3) == "Wednesday"  
      3     assert day_name(6) == "Saturday"  
      4     assert day_name(42) == None  
      5     print('all test cases passed for day_name()')  
  
AssertionError:
```

Exercise 8: Write a function that helps answer questions like ‘‘Today is Wednesday. I leave on holiday in 19 days time. What day will that be?’’ So the function must take a day name and a delta argument (the number of days to add) and should return the resulting day name.s

```
[9]: def day_add(dayName, delta):  
      pass
```

```
[5]: # Here are some tests that should pass  
def test_day_add():  
    assert day_add("Monday", 4) == "Friday"  
    assert day_add("Tuesday", 0) == "Tuesday"  
    assert day_add("Tuesday", 14) == "Tuesday"  
    assert day_add("Sunday", 100) == "Tuesday"  
    assert day_add("Sunday", -1) == "Saturday"  
    assert day_add("Sunday", -7) == "Sunday"  
    assert day_add("Tuesday", -100) == "Sunday"  
    print('all test cases passed for day_add()')
```

```
[ ]: test_day_add()
```

## 1.11 Kattis problems

- almost every problem involve some form of conditional statements

```
[ ]:
```