

Comparison Operators

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Numpy recap

```
# Code from Intro to Python for Data Science, Chapter 4
```

```
import numpy as np
np_height = np.array([1.73, 1.68, 1.71, 1.89, 1.79])
np_weight = np.array([65.4, 59.2, 63.6, 88.4, 68.7])
bmi = np_weight / np_height ** 2
bmi
```

```
array([ 21.852,  20.975,  21.75 ,  24.747,  21.441])
```

```
bmi > 23
```

```
array([False, False, False,  True, False], dtype=bool)
```

```
bmi[bmi > 23]
```

```
array([ 24.747])
```

- Comparison operators: how Python values relate

Numeric comparisons

```
2 < 3
```

```
True
```

```
2 == 3
```

```
False
```

```
2 <= 3
```

```
True
```

```
3 <= 3
```

```
True
```

```
x = 2  
y = 3  
x < y
```

```
True
```

Other comparisons

```
"carl" < "chris"
```

```
True
```

```
3 < "chris"
```

```
TypeError: unorderable types: int() < str()
```

```
3 < 4.1
```

```
True
```

Other comparisons

```
bmi
```

```
array([21.852, 20.975, 21.75 , 24.747, 21.441])
```

```
bmi > 23
```

```
array([False, False, False, True, False], dtype=bool)
```

Comparators

Comparator	Meaning
<	Strictly less than
<=	Less than or equal
>	Strictly greater than
>=	Greater than or equal
==	Equal
!=	Not equal

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Boolean Operators

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Boolean Operators

- `and`
- `or`
- `not`

and

True and True

True

```
x = 12
x > 5 and x < 15
# True      True
```

True

False and True

False

True and False

False

False and False

False

or

True or True

True

False or True

True

True or False

True

False or False

False

```
y = 5  
y < 7 or y > 13
```

True

not

```
not True
```

```
False
```

```
not False
```

```
True
```

NumPy

```
bmi      # calculation of bmi left out
```

```
array([21.852, 20.975, 21.75 , 24.747, 21.441])
```

```
bmi > 21
```

```
array([True, False, True, True, True], dtype=bool)
```

```
bmi < 22
```

```
array([True, True, True, False, True], dtype=bool)
```

```
bmi > 21 and bmi < 22
```

```
ValueError: The truth value of an array with more than one element is  
ambiguous. Use a.any() or a.all()
```

Let's now try to combine those with the and operator I just introduced. Oops, an error. The truth value of an array with more than one element is ambiguous. and clearly doesn't like an array of booleans to work on.

NumPy

- `logical_and()`
- `logical_or()`
- `logical_not()`

7. NumPy

After some digging in the numpy documentation, you can find the functions `logical_and`, `logical_or` and `logical_not`, the "array equivalents" of `and` or `and not`. To find out which `bmis` are between 21 and 22, we thus need this call. Again, as we expect from Numpy, the `and` operation is performed element-wise: `True and True` give `True`, like these ones, but `False and True` or `True and False` give `False`, like for these elements. To actually select only these `bmis` from the `bmi` array, we can use the resulting array of booleans in square brackets.

```
np.logical_and(bmi > 21, bmi < 22)
```

```
array([True, False, True, False, True], dtype=bool)
```

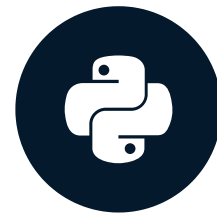
```
bmi[np.logical_and(bmi > 21, bmi < 22)]
```

```
array([21.852, 21.75, 21.441])
```

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if, elif, else

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Overview

- Comparison Operators
 - `<` , `>` , `>=` , `<=` , `==` , `!=`
- Boolean Operators
 - `and` , `or` , `not`
- Conditional Statements
 - `if` , `else` , `elif`

Things get really interesting when you can actually use these concepts to change how your program behaves. Depending on the outcome of your comparisons, you might want your Python code to behave differently. You can do this with conditional statements in Python: `if`, `else` and `elif`.

if

```
if condition :  
    expression
```

control.py

```
z = 4  
if z % 2 == 0 :    # True  
    print("z is even")
```

3. if

Let's start working in a script, control.py. Suppose you have a variable z, equal to 4. If the value is even, you want to print out: "z is even". This code does the trick. modulo operator 2 will return 0 if z is even. If you run this, Python checks if the condition holds. It's true, so the corresponding code is executed: "z is even" gets printed out. Let's compare this to the general recipe for an if statement. It reads as follows: if condition, execute expression. Notice the colon at the end, and the fact that you simply have to indent the Python code with four spaces (or a tab) to tell Python what to do in the case the condition succeeds.

```
z is even
```

if

```
if condition :  
    expression
```

- `expression` not part of `if`

`control.py`

```
z = 4  
if z % 2 == 0 :    # True  
    print("z is even")
```

```
z is even
```

if

```
if condition :  
    expression
```

control.py

```
z = 4  
if z % 2 == 0 :  
    print("checking " + str(z))  
    print("z is even")
```

```
checking 4  
z is even
```

if

```
if condition :  
    expression
```

control.py

```
z = 5  
if z % 2 == 0 :    # False  
    print("checking " + str(z))  
    print("z is even")
```

else

```
if condition :  
    expression  
else :  
    expression
```

control.py

```
z = 5  
if z % 2 == 0 :    # False  
    print("z is even")  
else :  
    print("z is odd")
```

```
z is odd
```

elif

```
if condition :  
    expression  
elif condition :  
    expression  
else :  
    expression
```

control.py

```
z = 3  
if z % 2 == 0 :  
    print("z is divisible by 2")    # False  
elif z % 3 == 0 :  
    print("z is divisible by 3")    # True  
else :  
    print("z is neither divisible by 2 nor by 3")
```

z is divisible by 3

elif

```
if condition :  
    expression  
elif condition :  
    expression  
else :  
    expression
```

control.py

```
z = 6  
if z % 2 == 0 :  
    print("z is divisible by 2")    # True  
elif z % 3 == 0 :  
    print("z is divisible by 3")    # Never reached  
else :  
    print("z is neither divisible by 2 nor by 3")
```

```
z is divisible by 2
```


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Filtering pandas DataFrames

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brics

```
import pandas as pd  
brics = pd.read_csv("path/to/brics.csv", index_col = 0)  
brics
```

	country	capital	area	population
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.40
RU	Russia	Moscow	17.100	143.50
IN	India	New Delhi	3.286	1252.00
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.00
SA	South Africa	Pretoria	1.221	52.98

Goal

	country	capital	area	population
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.40
RU	Russia	Moscow	17.100	143.50
IN	India	New Delhi	3.286	1252.00
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.00
SA	South Africa	Pretoria	1.221	52.98

- Select countries with area over 8 million km2
- 3 steps
 - Select the area column
 - Do comparison on area column
 - Use result to select countries

Step 1: Get column

	country	capital	area	population
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.40
RU	Russia	Moscow	17.100	143.50
IN	India	New Delhi	3.286	1252.00
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.00
SA	South Africa	Pretoria	1.221	52.98

```
brics["area"]
```

```
BR    8.516
RU   17.100
IN    3.286
CH    9.597
SA    1.221
Name: area, dtype: float64    # - Need Pandas Series
```

- **Alternatives:**

```
brics.loc[:, "area"]
brics.iloc[:, 2]
```

4. Step 1: Get column

So the first step, getting the area column from brics. There are many different ways to do this. What's important here, is that we ideally get a Pandas Series, not a Pandas DataFrame. Let's do this with square brackets, like this. This loc alternative, and this iloc version, would also work perfectly fine.

Step 2: Compare

```
brics["area"]
```

```
BR      8.516
RU     17.100
IN      3.286
CH      9.597
SA      1.221
Name: area, dtype: float64
```

```
brics["area"] > 8
```

```
BR      True
RU      True
IN     False
CH      True
SA     False
Name: area, dtype: bool
```

```
is_huge = brics["area"] > 8
```

5. Step 2: Compare

Next, we actually perform the comparison. To see which rows have an area greater than 8, we simply append greater than 8 to the code from before, like this. Now we get a Series containing booleans. If you compare it to the actual area values, you can see that the areas with a value over 8 correspond to True, and the ones with a value under 8 correspond to False now. Let me store this Boolean Series as is_huge.

Step 3: Subset DF

```
is_huge
```

```
BR    True
RU    True
IN    False
CH    True
SA    False
Name: area, dtype: bool
```

```
brics[is_huge]
```

	country	capital	area	population
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.4
RU	Russia	Moscow	17.100	143.5
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.0

6. Step 3: Subset DF

The final step is using this boolean Series to subset the Pandas DataFrame. This is something I haven't shown you yet. To do this, you put `is_huge` inside square brackets. The result is exactly what we want: only the countries with an area greater than 8, namely Brazil, Russia and China.

Summary

	country	capital	area	population
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.40
RU	Russia	Moscow	17.100	143.50
IN	India	New Delhi	3.286	1252.00
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.00
SA	South Africa	Pretoria	1.221	52.988

```
is_huge = brics["area"] > 8  
brics[is_huge]
```

	country	capital	area	population
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.4
RU	Russia	Moscow	17.100	143.5
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.0

```
brics[brics["area"] > 8]
```

	country	capital	area	population
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.4
RU	Russia	Moscow	17.100	143.5
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.0

7. Summary

So let's summarize this: I selected the area column, performed a comparison on this column and the stored it as is_huge so that I can use it to index the brics dataframe. These different commands do the trick. However, we can also write this in a one-liner: simply put the code that defines is_huge directly in the square brackets. Great!

Boolean operators

country	capital	area	population	
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.40
RU	Russia	Moscow	17.100	143.50
IN	India	New Delhi	3.286	1252.00
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.00
SA	South Africa	Pretoria	1.221	52.98

```
import numpy as np
np.logical_and(brics["area"] > 8, brics["area"] < 10)
```

```
BR    True
RU    False
IN    False
CH    True
SA    False
Name: area, dtype: bool
```

```
brics[np.logical_and(brics["area"] > 8, brics["area"] < 10)]
```

	country	capital	area	population
BR	Brazil	Brasilia	8.516	200.4
CH	China	Beijing	9.597	1357.0

8. Boolean operators

Now we haven't used boolean operators yet. Remember that we used this `logical_and` function from the Numpy package to do an element wise boolean operation on Numpy arrays? Because Pandas is built on Numpy, you can also use that function here. Suppose you only want to keep the observations that have an area between 8 and 10 million square kilometers. After importing numpy as np, we can use the `logical_and()` function to create a Boolean Series. The only thing left to do is placing this code inside square brackets to subset brics appropriately. This time, only Brazil and China are included. Russia has an area of 17 million square kilometers, which doesn't meet the conditions. I hope these examples have shown you how easy it is to filter dataframes to get interesting results.

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