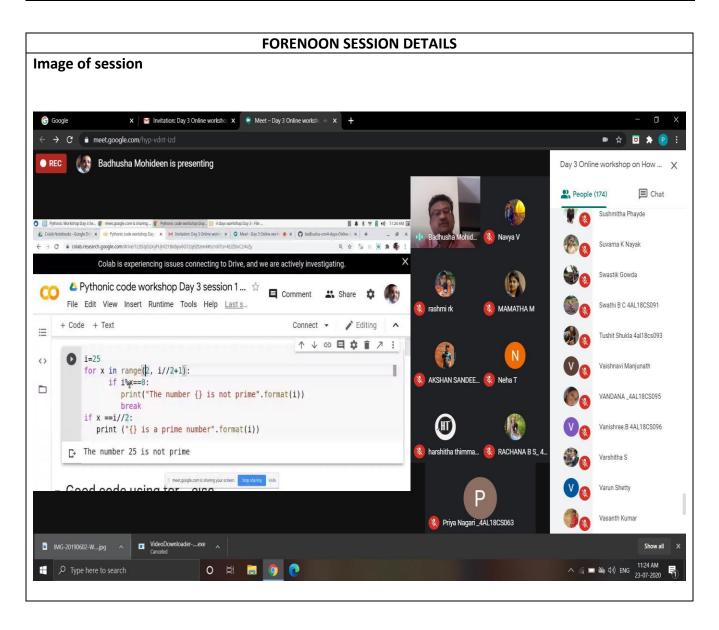
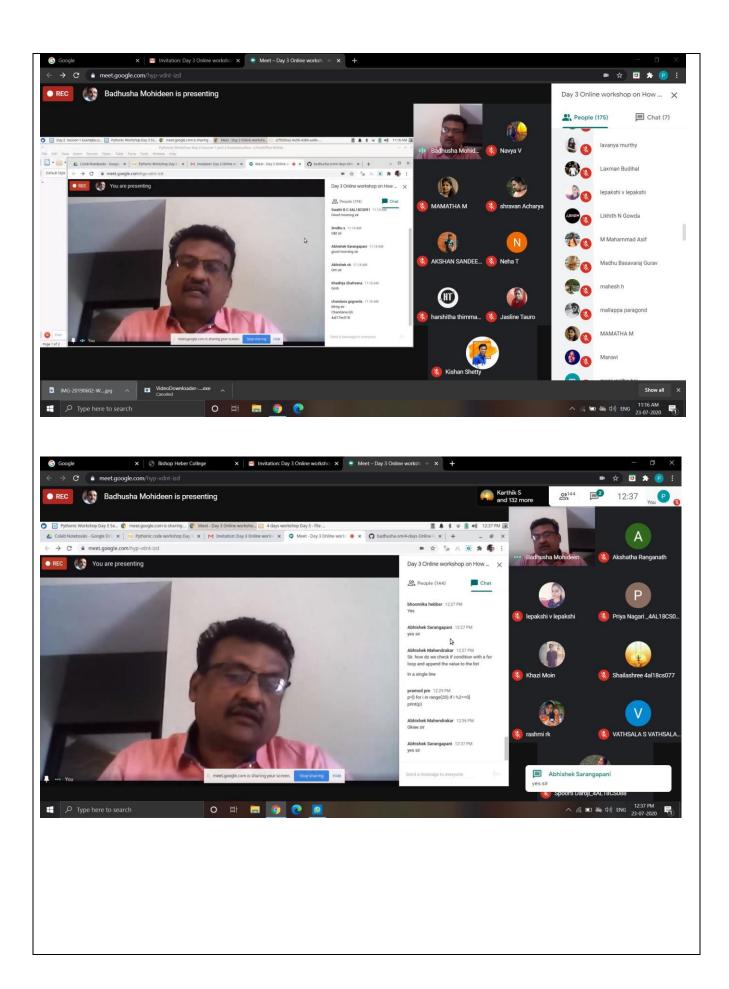
DAILY ASSESSMENT FORMAT

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Check if a variable equals a constant

You don't need to explicitly compare a value to True, or None, or o − you can just add it to the if statement. See Truth Value Testing for a list of what is considered false.

Bad:

```
if attr == True:
    print 'True!'

if attr == None:
    print 'attr is None!'
```

Good:

```
# Just check the value
if attr:
    print 'attr is truthy!'

# or check for the opposite
if not attr:
    print 'attr is falsey!'

# or, since None is considered false, explicitly check for it
if attr is None:
    print 'attr is None!'
```

Access a Dictionary Element

Don't use the dict.has_key() method. Instead, use x in d syntax, or pass a default argument to dict.get().

Bad:

```
d = {'hello': 'world'}
if d.has_key('hello'):
    print d['hello'] # prints 'world'
else:
    print 'default_value'
```

Good:

```
d = {'hello': 'world'}

print d.get('hello', 'default_value') # prints 'world'

print d.get('thingy', 'default_value') # prints 'default_value'

# Or:

if 'hello' in d:

    print d['hello']
```

Short Ways to Manipulate Lists

List comprehensions provide a powerful, concise way to work with lists.

Generator expressions follow almost the same syntax as list comprehensions but return a generator instead of a list.

Creating a new list requires more work and uses more memory. If you are just going to loop through the new list, prefer using an iterator instead.

Bad:

```
# needlessly allocates a list of all (gpa, name) entires in memory
valedictorian = max([(student.gpa, student.name) for student in graduates])
```

Good:

```
valedictorian = max((student.gpa, student.name) for student in graduates)
```

Use list comprehensions when you really need to create a second list, for example if you need to use the result multiple times.

If your logic is too complicated for a short list comprehension or generator expression, consider using a generator function instead of returning a list.

Good:

```
def make_batches(items, batch_size):
    """
    >>> List(make_batches([1, 2, 3, 4, 5], batch_size=3))
    [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5]]
    """
    current_batch = []
    for item in items:
        current_batch.append(item)
        if len(current_batch) == batch_size:
            yield current_batch
            current_batch = []
    yield current_batch
```

Never use a list comprehension just for its side effects.

Bad:

```
[print(x) for x in sequence]
Good:
for x in sequence:
    print(x)
```

Filtering a list

Bad:

Never remove items from a list while you are iterating through it.

```
# Filter elements greater than 4

a = [3, 4, 5]

for i in a:
    if i > 4:
        a.remove(i)
```

Don't make multiple passes through the list.

```
while i in a:

a.remove(i)
```

Good:

Use a list comprehension or generator expression.

```
# comprehensions create a new list object
filtered_values = [value for value in sequence if value != x]
# generators don't create another list
filtered_values = (value for value in sequence if value != x)
```

Possible side effects of modifying the original list

Modifying the original list can be risky if there are other variables referencing it. But you can use *slice assignment* if you really want to do that.

```
# replace the contents of the original list
sequence[::] = [value for value in sequence if value != x]
```

Modifying the values in a list

Bad:

Remember that assignment never creates a new object. If two or more variables refer to the same list, changing one of them changes them all.

```
# Add three to all list members.
a = [3, 4, 5]
b = a  # a and b refer to the same list object

for i in range(len(a)):
   a[i] += 3  # b[i] also changes
```

Good:

It's safer to create a new list object and leave the original alone.

```
a = [3, 4, 5]
b = a

# assign the variable "a" to a new list without changing "b"
a = [i + 3 for i in a]
```

Use enumerate() keep a count of your place in the list.

```
a = [3, 4, 5]
for i, item in enumerate(a):
```

```
print i, item

# prints

# 0 3

# 1 4
# 2 5
```

The enumerate() function has better readability than handling a counter manually. Moreover, it is better optimized for iterators.

Read From a File

Use the with open syntax to read from files. This will automatically close files for you.

Bad:

```
f = open('file.txt')
a = f.read()
print a
f.close()
```

Good:

```
with open('file.txt') as f:
    for line in f:
        print line
```

The with statement is better because it will ensure you always close the file, even if an exception is raised inside the with block.

Line Continuations

When a logical line of code is longer than the accepted limit, you need to split it over multiple physical lines. The Python interpreter will join consecutive lines if the last character of the line is a backslash. This is helpful in some cases, but should usually be avoided because of its fragility: a white space added to the end of the line, after the backslash, will break the code and may have unexpected results.

A better solution is to use parentheses around your elements. Left with an unclosed parenthesis on an end-of-line the Python interpreter will join the next line until the parentheses are closed. The same behavior holds for curly and square braces.

Bad:

```
my_very_big_string = """For a long time I used to go to bed early. Sometimes,

when I had put out my candle, my eyes would close so quickly that I had
not even \
    time to say "I'm going to sleep.""""

from some.deep.module.inside.a.module import a_nice_function,
another_nice_function, \
    yet_another_nice_function
```

Good:

```
my_very_big_string = (
    "For a long time I used to go to bed early. Sometimes, "
    "when I had put out my candle, my eyes would close so quickly "
    "that I had not even time to say "I'm going to sleep.""
)

from some.deep.module.inside.a.module import (
    a_nice_function, another_nice_function, yet_another_nice_function)
```