# KOLT Python Basic Operators & Branching

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### **Agenda**

1. Recap

2. Logical Operators

3. Branching





#### **Comments**

```
# Single line comments start with a '#'
"""
Multiline comments can be written between
three "s and are often used as function
and module comments.
"""
print('Hello, stranger!')
```

Python will basically ignore comments, they are purely written **for humans!** 



#### **Variables**

Туре	Explanation	Examples
int	represent integers	3, 4, 17, -10
float	represent real numbers	3.0, 1.11, -109.123123
bool	represent <b>boolean</b> truth values	True, False
str	A sequence of characters.	'Hello', ", '3'
NoneType	special and has one value, None	None

- How to create a variable? variable\_name = value
- How about types? use type()
- Can a variable change type? Yes! Just assing a new value with any type.
- What if we if want to convert a value between types, i.e,  $2' \rightarrow 2$



# **Casting**

- int('2')  $\rightarrow$  2
- Any possible reasons for casting? -taking user input -reading numbers from a file?
- Can we cast every value to every type? NO! try int ('hello')

#### Console I/O(Input/Output)

#### print(\*args, sep=' ', end='\n')

- Can take arbitrary number of arguments
- Separates elements with space by default
- Adds newline character '\n' to end by default

#### input([prompt])

- Prints the prompt to Console
- Program is paused until user enters something
- returns an str object!



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result *= 2 is equivalent to result = result * 2
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Operator	Usage	Equivalent
+=	val += 3	val = val + 3
-=	val -= 3	val = val - 3
*=	val *= 3	val = val * 3
/=	val /= 3	val = val / 3
%=	val %= 3	val = val % 3
**=	val **= 3	val = val ** 3
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1/0 # => ZeroDivisionError
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False and 1/0 # => False
1/0 or True # => ZeroDivisionError
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# Everything else is 'truthy'
bool(-100000) # => True
bool('False') # => True
bool(3.14) # => True
bool(int) # => True
# Nonempty data structures
bool([1, 'a', []]) # => True
bool([False]) # => True
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```
3.0 == 3  # => True

3.0 >= 3  # => True

# Small-case characters

# have bigger ASCII value

'Aa' > 'aa' # => False

'hi' == 'hi' # => True

'a' == None # => True

3 > 'a' # => TypeError

3 == 'a' # => False
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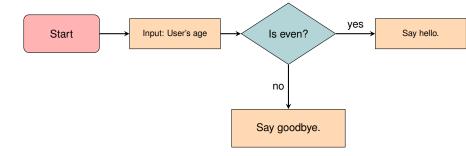
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```
3 > 2 == 1 < 5 > 4 # => False
3 > (2 == 1) < 5 > 4 \# => True
3 > True > False # => True
3 > 5 < 1/0 \# => False
3 < 5 < 1/0  # => ZeroDivisionError
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#### **Branching**



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```

- <condition> has a bool value (True or False)
- Which expressions will be evaluated in which conditions?

