# **Chapter 02 Selection Lab**

## Part 1

## Objective

In this lab you'll gain the experience of using conditional **if…elif** control flow statements in Python.

**Duration:** 10-15 minutes

## Steps

1. Add a new code page to your project. Call it ***selection\_part1***
2. Create an IF statement to see if the person is equal 18 or over.
3. Display '*You are in category A*'
4. Create an IF statement to see if the person is equal 16 or over.
5. Display *'You are in category B'*
6. Create another IF statement to see if the person is under 16 years of age.
7. Display *'You are in category C'*
8. Save and run your code and enter 19 for age.
9. As you see, there are too many confusing messages!  
   Simple IF statements work fine but not in a chain of IF statements such as these.

### **Use elif**

1. Create an if…elif statement to examine the age in one statement. Follow this pattern:

**if person is 18 and over:** display message  
**elif person is 16 and over:** display message  
**else:** display message

Note: You must start with the highest age value first.

1. Save and run your code using different values for age.

## Part 2

## Objective

In this major lab you'll create several pieces of code in 4 distinct tasks. You'll practice what you've learned and create more complex code. Try to complete as many of these tasks as you can.

**Duration**: 90 minutes

### **Task 1 - Create a Calculator**

1. Either create a new project or (better) add a new code page to an existing project.

Name the new page as ***Calculator.py*** and make it the startup file.

If you're creating a new project by selecting the ***File-New-Project*** menus, make sure you give this new project a suitable name such as chapter 6. Take note of where it is saved as you'll take away your work at the end of this course.

1. Input two numbers (int or float, your choice)  
   **Tip**: Use two **input()** statements. Don't forget to cast the text to either **int** or **float**.
2. Display a typical calculator menu such as

**Tip**: Use simple **print()** statements

1. Add +
2. Subtract -
3. Multiply \*
4. Divide /
5. Square s
6. Ask the user to choose what operation to perform.   
   For example if they select **+** then you should display the sum of the two numbers (in step 2).

**Tip**: Use an **input()** statements. There is no need to cast the text.  
You'll need a single **if…elif** statement to examine the operator and display the result.

1. Save and run.

## Task 2 – Calculate exam grades

In this part of the lab you'll write code to input a grade between 1 and 100 and display the exam grade according to a set of rules.

1. Add a new file to your project called ***ExamGrade.py*** and make it the startup file.
2. Input the exam mark for a student. The integer must be between 1 and 100   
   if the mark is less than 1 or greater than 100 you'll display a suitable message (see below).
3. The rules for calculating a grade is as follows:  
   If the mark is **less than 1** or **greater than 100**, display 'Error: marks must be between 1 and 100'

Less than **50**  **Fail**  
between **50..60** (inclusive) **Pass**  
between **61..70** (inclusive) **Merit**  
between **71..100** (inclusive) **Distinction**

## Task 3 – Calculate exam grades with levels

In this part you'll write code to input a grade and calculate the grade but this time you'll take into account the different levels of studies.  
 **Tip**: You'll need to make use of nested if statements such as:  
  
**if(level == 1):**

**if (grade >70):**

**print(….)**  
You may decide to use separate if statements for levels or use **elif**.

1. Add a new file to your project called ***ExamGrade2.py*** and make it the startup file.
2. Input the exam mark for a student. The integer must be between 1 and 100  
   if the mark is less than 1 or greater than 100 you'll display a suitable message.
3. Input the student level. Currently we've two levels (1 or 2).
4. The rules for calculating a grade for **level 1** are as follows (same as in lab 2):

If the mark is **less than 1 or greater than 100**, display 'Error: marks must be between 1 and 100'

Less than **50**  **Fail**  
between **50..60** (inclusive) **Pass**  
between **61..70** (inclusive) **Merit**  
between **71..100** (inclusive) **Distinction**

The rulesfor calculating a grade for **level 2** are as follows:

Less than **40 Fail**  
between **40..50** (inclusive) **Pass**  
between **51..65** (inclusive) **Merit**  
between **66..100** (inclusive) **Distinction**

1. Save and run.

## Task 4 - Exercise 9.10 – Pythagoras

In this lab you'll write a program that calculates the lengths of sides of a triangle using Pythagoras’s Theorem.   
  
Pythagoras’ Theorem states that the square of the long side (C) of a right-angled triangle is the sum of the squares of the two shorter sides (A and B).

**C\*\*2 = A\*\*2 + B\*\*2**  
*(\*\*2 in Python will raise to power of 2)*

Add a new file: ***Pythagoras.py*** to your existing project and make it the startup file.

**C**

**B**

**A**

1. Print a menu:

Pythagoras’ Calculator

1. Find the length of A given B and C
2. Find the length of B given A and C
3. Find the length of C given A and B
4. Print the result.
5. If **‘1’** is entered, prompt for the length of sides: **B** and **C**, calculate the length of side: **A**
6. If **‘2’** is entered, prompt for the length of sides: **A** and **C**, calculate the length of side: **B**
7. If **‘3’** is entered, prompt for the length of sides: **A** and **B**, calculate the length of side: **C**

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