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### Lesson 2

# **Functions & Comparison Operators**

#### **SUMMARY**

For this lesson, we will be reviewing the comparison operators used in Python syntax. As well as, their ability to be applied within functions using 'if-elif-else' statements, 'for' loops, and 'while' loops.

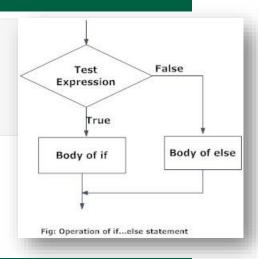
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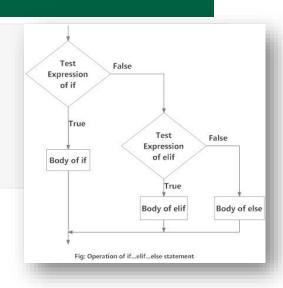
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# COMPARISON & LOGICAL OPERATORS

# **Comparison Operators**

Operator	What it means	
==	Equal to	
<u>!</u> =	Not equal to	
<	Less than	
>	Greater than	
<=	Less than or equal to	
>=	Greater than or equal to	

### **Logical Operators**

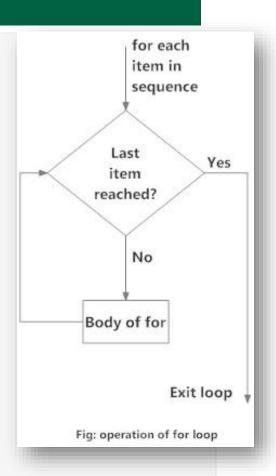
Operator	What it means	What it looks like
and	True if both are true	x and y
or	True if at least one is true	x or y
not	True only if false	not x

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# logical example
print((-0.2 > 1.4) and (0.8 < 3.1))  # One original expression is False
print((7.5 == 8.9) or (9.2 != 9.2))  # Both original expressions are False
print(not(-5.7 <= 0.3))  # The original expression is True

# conditional comparison example
if foo == 'abc' and bar == 'bac' or zoo == '123':
    # do something</pre>
```

# FOR LOOPS

```
# List of numbers
numbers = [6, 5, 3, 8, 4, 2, 5, 4, 11]
# Variable to store the sum
sum = 0
# Iterate over the list
for val in numbers:
        sum = sum + val
# Output: The sum is 48
print("The sum is", sum)
# List of strings
genre = ['pop', 'rock', 'jazz']
# Range function
# Iterate over the list using index
for i in range(len(genre)):
        print("I like", genre[i])
# Output:
# I like pop
# I like rock
# I like jazz
```



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# WHILE LOOPS

```
n = 10
                                                                                 Enter while loop
# initialize sum and counter
sum = 0
                                                                                           False
                                                                              Test
i = 1
                                                                           Expression
while i <= n:
   sum = sum + i
                                                                                 True
    i = i+1  # update counter
                                                                            Body of
# print the sum
                                                                             while
print("The sum is", sum)
                                                                                      Exit loop
                                                                         Fig: operation of while loop
```

### **DEFINING FUNCTIONS**

```
name = 'Billy'
def greet(name):
    """This function greets
    the person whose name
    was passed in as a parameter."""
    print("Hello, " + name + ". Good morning!")

def functionName():
    ......

functionName();
```

### **EXERCISE YOUR PYTHON**

1. Write a Python program to print only the even numbers from the provided list.

SAMPLE LIST: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

EXPECTED RESULT: [2, 4, 6, 8]

2. Write a Python function that checks whether a string is a palindrome or not.

# NOTE

A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sequence that reads the same backward as forward (i.e. "madam" or "nurses run")

### CHALLENGE

Write a Python function that prints out the first 'n' rows of Pascal's triangle.

Sample Pascal's Triangle

