

Python 05

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for - Loops



For loop

A $\underline{\text{for}}$ loop is used for iterating over a sequence (that is either a list, a tuple, a dictionary, a set, or a string). The $\underline{\text{in}}$ keyword is used to iterate over the sequence in a for loop.

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
for number in numbers:
    print(number, end=", ")
# Output: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
```



For loop - range

range is often used in for loops to iterate over a sequence of numbers.

```
for i in range(2, 15, 3):
    print(i, end=", ")
# Output: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14,

for i in range(5):
    print(i, end=", ")
# Output: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4,
```



For loop - enumerate

enumerate is often used in for loops to iterate over a sequence and have an automatic counter.

```
names = ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Charlie']
for number, name in enumerate(names):
    print(number, name, end=", ")
# Output: O Alice, 1 Bob, 2 Charlie,
```



For loop - zip

zip is often used in for loops to iterate over two or more sequences at the same time.

```
for number, name in enumerate(names):
     print(f"{name} is {age[number]} old",
2
    end=".")
     # Output: Alice is 22 old, Bob is 42 old
3
    , Charlie is 16 old, Diana is 50 old,
```

results in same output as:

```
for name, age in zip(names, age):
     print(f"{name} is {age} old", end=", ")
     # same output as above
3
```



while - Loops



While loop

A $\underline{\text{while}}$ loop is a control flow statement that allows code to be executed repeatedly based on a given Boolean condition. The while loop can be thought of as a repeating if statement.

```
count = 0
while count < 10:
    # end line with ", " instead of "\n"
print(count, end=", ")
count += 1 # same as count = count + 1</pre>
```



While loop

Loop is executed repeatedly until count is not smaller than 10 anymore.

```
count = 0
while count < 10:
    # end line with ", " instead of "\n"
print(count, end=", ")
count += 1 # same as count = count + 1</pre>
```

Output: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,



While loop

```
1 def add(a, b):
  return a + b
3
4
5 a, b = 0, 1
6 # multiple conditions can also be used
 while a < 5 or add(a, b) < 15:
     print(a, b, end=", ")
8
      \# same as a = b * 2 and b = a + b
  a, b = b * 2, a + b
10
11 # Output: 0 1, 2 1, 2 3, 6 5
```





break can stop loops earlier.

```
i = 0
  while True: # infinite loop
      if i == 5:
          # but we can break out of it
4
          break
5
     i += 1
6
7
 for i in range(10):
      if i == 7:
9
          # we can also break out of for loops
10
          break
11
      print(i)
12
```

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Search for a specific value and break if found:

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
2 search_item = "banana"
3 i = 0
4
5 while i < len(fruits):</pre>
     if fruits[i] == search_item:
6
          print("Found", search_item, "at
7
    index". i)
         break
8
    i += 1
 else:
     print(search_item, "not found in list")
```



Same example with a for loop:

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
search_item = "banana"

for fruit in fruits:
    if fruit == search_item:
        print(search_item, "found in list")
        break

else:
    print(search_item, "not found in list")
```



<u>continue</u> can be used to prematurely end the current iteration of a loop and continue with the next iteration.

```
for i in range(1, 11):
    if i % 2 == 0:
        continue
    print(i, end=", ")
```

Output:

```
1, 3, 5, 7, 9,
```



String formatting



Good to know: formatting in print()

Same output for all three examples:

I'm John and I am 30 years old.



Good to know: formatting in print()

Format floats with a certain number of decimals places:

```
1 x = 42.42
2 y = 3.15
3 print(f"{x:.2f} + {y:.2f} = {(x+y):.2f}")
4 # a different way to do the same thing
5 print("{:.2f} + {:.2f} = {:.2f}".format(x, y, x + y))
6 # another way
7 print("%0.2f + %0.2f = %0.2f" % (x, y, x + y))
8 # Output: 42.42 + 3.15 = 45.57
```



List Comprehensions



List Comprehensions

List comprehensions are a concise and efficient way to create a new list by applying an expression to each element of an existing list, optionally filtered by a conditional statement.

They provide a more readable and Pythonic alternative to traditional for loops and if statements.



List Comprehensions - Syntax

Basic syntax of a list comprehension:

```
[expression for item in list]
```

expression can be any valid expression, like a function call or a mathematical operation.

```
my_list = [x for x in range(1, 5)]
print(my_list) # [1, 2, 3, 4]
double_list = [2 * x for x in my_list]
print(double_list) # [2, 4, 6, 8]
```



List Comprehensions - Syntax

Syntax list comprehension with conditional statement:

```
[expression for item in list if conditional]
```

conditional statements can be used to decide if a given item should be included in the created list

```
my_list = [x for x in range(1, 5)]
print(my_list) # [1, 2, 3, 4]

odds = [x for x in my_list if x % 2 != 0]
print(odds) # [1, 3]
```



List Comprehensions - Syntax

Syntax list comprehension with nested for loops:

```
list1 = ['red', 'green', 'blue']
list2 = ['square', 'circle']
combinations = [f"{x} {y}!" for x in list1
    for y in list2]
# Combinations: ['red square!', 'red circle
!', 'green square!', 'green circle!',
blue square!', 'blue circle!']
```



List Comprehensions - Examples

```
# Using list comprehension
2 original_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
     107
3 even = [x for x in original_list if x % 2 ==
      07
4 print (even) # Output: [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
5 # Using for loop and if statements
6 \text{ even} = []
7 for x in original_list:
 if x \% 2 == 0:
 even.append(x)
9
10 print (even) # Output: [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

more examples



Bonus: Bitwise Operations



Bitwise Operations - Basics

Bitwise Operators are used to compare (binary) numbers. They are used to perform bit by bit operation.

For example, 2 is 10 in binary and 7 is 111. If we perform a binary AND on 2 and 7 we get:

	0010
AND	0111
	0010

Each bit is compared and if both bits are 1, the result is 1, otherwise the result is 0.



Bitwise Operations - Tables

Bitwise AND (\land), OR (\lor), XOR (\oplus) and NOT (\neg) behave as shown in the following tables:

Α	В	$A \wedge B$	$A \vee B$	$A \oplus B$	$\neg A$
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	0	0

Bitwise operations perform a check on each bit of the number. If the result of the truth table is 1, the bit is set to 1, otherwise it is set to 0.



Bitwise Operations - Examples



Bitwise Operations - Shifts

Bitwise shifts are used to shift the bits of a number to the left or right. Using variables sl and sr we get:

	sl	$\mathrm{sl}\ll 1$	$\text{sl} \ll 2$	${\tt sl} \ll 3$
Binary number	1	10	100	1000
Decimal number	1	2	4	8

	sr	sr ≫ 1	$sr\gg 2$	$\mathrm{sr}\gg 3$
Binary number	101010	10101	1010	101
Decimal number	42	21	10	5



Bitwise Operations - Shifts

Shifting a number to the **left** is equivalent to multiplying it with 2^n , where n is the number of shifts.

Shifting a number to the **right** is equivalent to dividing it by 2^n , where n is the number of shifts.

Note: The bits that are shifted out of the number are lost. And a right-shift/division by 2^n is always rounded down to the nearest integer.



Bitwise Operations - Overview

Operator	ASCII	Description
\wedge	&	Bitwise AND
\vee		Bitwise OR
\oplus	^	Bitwise XOR
\neg	~	Bitwise NOT
«	<<	Left shift
>>	>>	Right shift

To use bitwise operators in Python, we use the following ASCII-symbols given in the table above.



Bitwise Operations - in python

Usage of binary operators in python:

```
1 a = 0b0101  # binary representation of 53
2 b = 0b1011  # binary representation of 43
3
4 bin_add = a & b  # 0b0001
5 bin_or = a | b  # 0b1111
6 bin_xor = a ^ b  # 0b1110
7 bin_not = ~a  # 0b1010
8 bin_shift_left = a << 2  # 0b010100
9 bin_shift_right = b >> 3  # 0b0001
```



Number systems

Maybe you have noticed the 0b prefix in the previous example. This is used to indicate that the number is in binary.

Python also supports hexadecimal (0x) and octal (0o) numbers.

The in-built-functions $\underline{\text{oct}()}$, $\underline{\text{bin}()}$, $\underline{\text{int}()}$ and $\underline{\text{hex}()}$ can be used to convert between number systems. $\underline{\text{int}()}$ can also be used to convert a string to an integer in a given base.



Number systems - Examples

```
dec = 42
2 bin_num = bin(dec) # 0b101010
3 \text{ oct_num} = \text{oct}(\text{dec}) # 0052
4 \text{ hex_num} = \frac{\text{hex}}{\text{dec}} + 0x2a
5 # other way around
new_hex = 0xFF
7 \text{ new\_oct} = 0077
8 dec_new_hex = int(new_hex) # 255
9 dec_new_oct = int(new_oct) # 63
10 # using 17 as a base
11 base17 = int("F0", base=17) # 255
```