COMP1021 Introduction to Computer Science

Using Logic

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Comparing Things

• When you do a comparison, the result is either True or False

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Outcomes

- After completing this presentation, you are expected to be able to:
 - 1. Understand how to use logic operators *and*, *or*, and *not*

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Using Logical Operators

- You use the comparison operators
 (<, <=, >, >=, == and !=) to compare two values
- You can also use *logical operators*, also called *Boolean operators*:
- a and b if both condition a and condition b are True, the result is True; otherwise, it's False
- a or b if either condition a or condition b is True, the result is True; otherwise, it's False
- not a if a is True, then the result is False; The if a is False, then the result is True opposite

Summary

• Here is a summary of the input and output:

а	b	a and b	a or b	not a
False	False	False	False	True
False	True	False	True	True
True	False	False	True	False
True	True	True	True	False

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```
funny = False
friendly = True
suitable_partner = funny and friendly
print(suitable partner)
False
```

And

- and the result is True if both inputs are True otherwise the result is False
- Let's use Python to check whether someone is a suitable girlfriend/boyfriend
- In this example, we need **both** of the two inputs to be true for the person to be suitable

Or

- or the result is False if both inputs are False otherwise the result is True
- Let's revise the previous code so only one of the two inputs has to be true for the person to be suitable

Simpler Code

```
if funny == True and friendly == True:
    suitable_partner = True
else:
    suitable partner = False
```

• The code shown above works fine but a good programmer would write this, which does the same:

suitable partner = funny and friendly

Not

• not – the output is the opposite of the input

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Multiple Inputs

• Here's an example of multiple inputs

```
funny = True
friendly = False
wealthy = True
has_car = True
cute = False
suitable_partner = funny and friendly and \
    wealthy and has_car and cute
print(suitable_partner)
In this example
all of these have
to be True for the
result to be True
the following line

False
```

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Multiple Inputs

• Here's another example

 The logic is: go to HKUST if you live on campus or you need internet
 but if there is a scary virus don't go

if the user enters yes then response contains True
if the user enters anything except yes then
response contains False

```
response = input("Are you alive? (yes/no)")
response = response == "yes"

print("response =", response)
print("Are you dead?")
print("The answer is:", not response)

Are you alive? (yes/no) yes
response = True
Are you dead?
The answer is: False
Are you dead?
The answer is: True
```

Converting Inputs into True or False

- Sometimes the inputs are not True or False, they are something else
- You may have to 'convert' the inputs into True or False before you can use logical operators
- The example on the next slide 'converts' input from the user into True or False, then uses a logical operator

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