

Lecture 2B—Logic flow

In this notebook, we learn to control the logic flow. We will use `if`, `while`, `for` to create condition and iteration.

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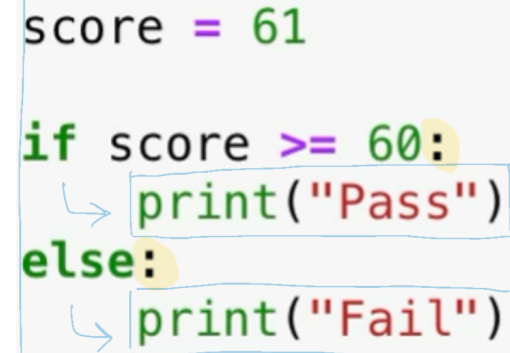
if-condition

```
In [1]: score = 61

if score >= 60:
    print("Pass")
else:
    print("Fail")
```

Pass

Let's take a deeper look of the above code block.



The diagram shows the code block with annotations. A blue arrow points from the condition `score >= 60:` to the `print("Pass")` line, indicating that this line is executed only if the condition is true. Another blue arrow points from the `else:` line to the `print("Fail")` line, indicating that this line is executed only if the condition is false. The `print("Pass")` and `print("Fail")` lines are highlighted with blue boxes.

Whenever we have logic flow that have code only execute under certain condition, we add a `:` and **indent** the following block.

The **indentation** means the code *belongs* to the condition. In this example, the `print("Pass")` only execute when the condition `score >=60` meets. We can tell from the code that the line of code has **4 leading spaces**.

The `print("Fail")` only execute when the condition `score >=60` fails. We can tell the line of code has **4 leading spaces** under `else:` block.

In the following example, we take the input and compare the input. Remember that the input value is always string. We need to type cast the input value into `int` by using `int()` function.

```
In [2]: age = input("What is your age? ")

if int(age) >= 18:
    print("You may drink, a little bit.")
else:
    print("Please don't drink.")

print("Good bye and have a nice day.")
```

```
What is your age? 23
You may drink, a little bit.
Good bye and have a nice day.
```

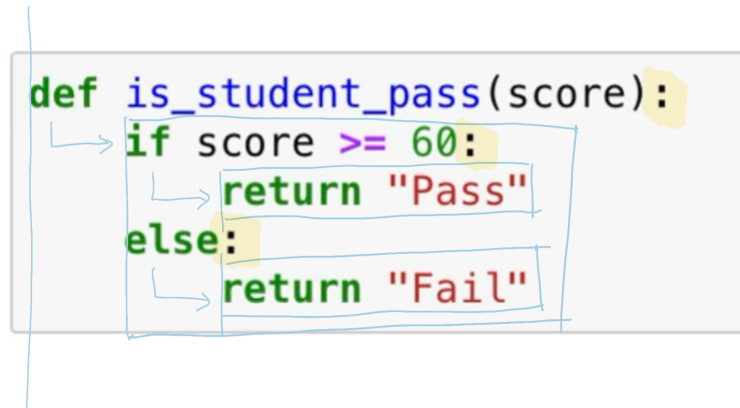
Putting logic into function

Sometimes, the conditional checking repeats for the whole data set. We can define function to reuse the same code. For example, the following code defines a function the *return* either "Pass" or "Fail" based on the given score value.

Function is a block of code that takes **parameters** and **return** calculation result. This block of code is executed only when other line of code calls it.

```
In [3]: def is_student_pass(score):  
        if score >= 60:  
            return "Pass"  
        else:  
            return "Fail"
```

Note the **indentation** in the above code. The whole `if` block has at least **4 leading spaces** to indicate that block of code is under the `def is_student_pass(score):` function. The two `return` statements has 4 further leading spaces to indicate that they are under the `if score >= 60:` and `else:` statement.



```
In [4]: result_a = is_student_pass(59)  
        print(result_a)
```

Fail

```
In [5]: result_b = is_student_pass(61)  
        print(result_b)
```

Pass

You can think of function as a block of coded pre-defined and stored under a name. It is like variable for a list of "procedures". Every time we call the function, it executes the pre-defined lines of code and **return** the calculated result.

while-loop vs. for-loop

While-loop is usually used for iteration that we don't know the total count.

For-loop is when we know the iteration count. For example, we already have the list of items. Or we already know how many times to repeat.

for-loop

```
In [8]: data = ['Apple', 'Banana', 'Orange']  
  
        for fruit in data:  
            print(fruit)
```

Apple
Banana
Orange

Let's bring back our `is_student_pass` function we defined. We can use a for loop to get a list of Pass/Fail result.

```
In [9]: def is_student_pass(score):  
        if score >= 60:  
            return "Pass"  
        else:  
            return "Fail"  
  
        list = [80, 59, 62, 70, 99, 40, 51]  
  
        for score in list:  
            result = is_student_pass(score)  
            print(f"{score}: {result}")
```

80: Pass
59: Fail
62: Pass
70: Pass
99: Pass
40: Fail
51: Fail

Exercise: for-loop

In this exercise, we bring back the book lists and loop books to print each details.

```
In [10]: books = [  
          {'title': 'Python Tricks', 'category': 'Programming', 'price': 240},  
          {'title': 'Python Crash Course', 'category': 'Programming', 'price': 200},  
          {'title': 'Getting Real', 'category': 'Startup', 'price': 200}  
        ]
```

Try to loop the books and print the title and their price. We don't need to print the category in this exercise.

```
In [11]: for book in books:  
          # Your code here  
          title = None  
          price = None  
          print(title)
```

None
None
None

Expected result

Python Tricks: \$240

Python Crash Course: \$200

Getting Real: \$200

range(start, end, step)

Sometimes, we don't have the list to iterate. But we know how many steps we want to loop. In this case, we can use `range`.

```
In [12]: # print("0-9")
         for i in range(10):
             print(i)
```

```
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
```

```
In [13]: # print("1-10")
         for i in range(1,11):
             print(i)
```

```
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
```

```
In [14]: # print("1,3,5,7,9")
         for i in range(1,10,2):
             print(i)
```

```
1
3
5
7
9
```

```
In [15]: # print("2,4,6,8,10")
         for i in range(2,11,2):
             print(i)
```

```
2
4
6
8
10
```

Code example: while-loop

By combining list and while loop, we can keep appending the value to the `tasks` list until the input is "q". The `break` command exits the while-loop.

```
In [6]: tasks = []

         while True:
             value = input("Please input a to-do task, or 'q' to quit. ")

             if value == 'q':
                 break

             tasks.append(value)

         print(tasks)
```

```
Please input a to-do task, or 'q' to quit. q
[]
```

You can tell from the indentation that line 4—9 under the `while True:` loop. Line 7 is under the `if value=='q':` loop.

Keep in mind that we need to be careful when using `while True:`. the condition is always true so the loop will run forever until we meet the `break` command. If the logic we designed has flaw, the loop may never end.

Exercise: while-loop

In this exercise, we would like to create a guest list by modifying `while` loop example given above.

```
In [7]: guests = []

         # Your code here
         while None:
             value = input("Your text here ")
             if value == 'q':
                 break

             None # append the value to guests

         print(guests)
```

```
[]
```

Summary

In this lesson, we learned the basic logic flow. Specifically:

- if-condition
- loop with or without known iteration count
- while-loop
- for-loop
- range

In []: