

Introduction to Programming Using Python

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Lecture 4:

Conditionals and Loops

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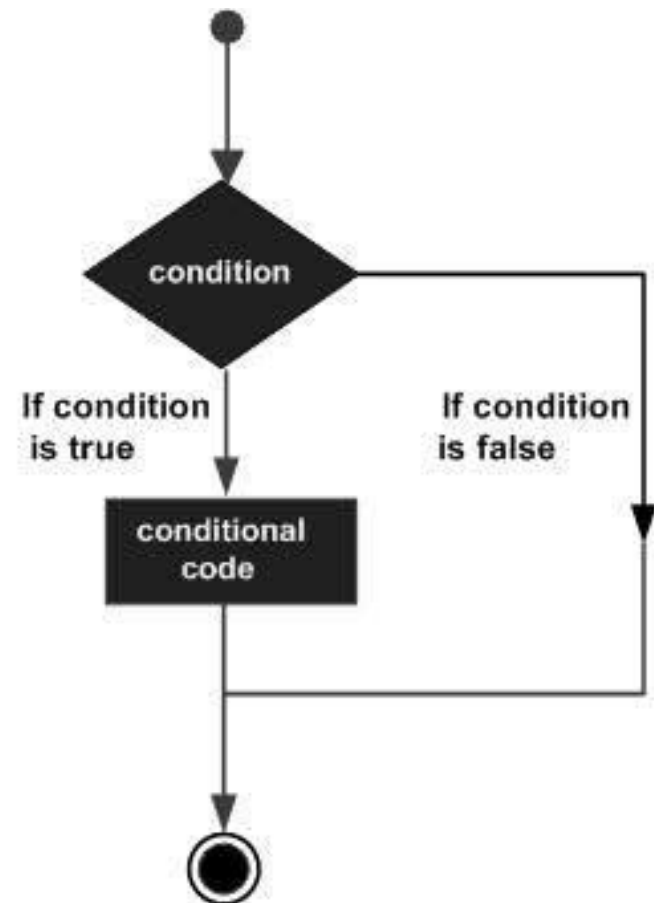
Conditionals: One Conditional



Conditional Execution

The Boolean expression after `if` is called the condition. If it is true, the indented statement runs. If not, nothing happens.

```
if x > 0:  
    print('x is positive')
```



Conditional Execution

If statements allow you to specify code that only executes if a specific condition is true

```
answer=input("Would you like express shipping?")  
if answer == "yes" :  
    print("That will be an extra $10")
```

```
In [23]: answer=input("Would you like express shipping?")  
...: if answer == "yes" :  
...:     print("That will be an extra $10")  
...:
```

```
Would you like express shipping?yes  
That will be an extra $10
```



Conditional Execution

```
answer=input("Would you like express shipping?")
if answer == "yes" :
    print("That will be an extra $10")
```

```
In [24]: answer=input("Would you like express shipping?")
...: if answer == "yes" :
...:     print("That will be an extra $10")
...:
```

```
Would you like express shipping?Yes
```



Conditional Execution

```
answer=input("Would you like express shipping?")
if answer.lower() == "yes" :
    print("That will be an extra $10")
```

```
In [25]: answer=input("Would you like express shipping?")
...: if answer.lower() == "yes" :
...:     print("That will be an extra $10")
...:
```

```
Would you like express shipping?YES
That will be an extra $10
```

```
In [26]: answer=input("Would you like express shipping?")
...: if answer.lower() == "yes" :
...:     print("That will be an extra $10")
...:
```

```
Would you like express shipping?yEs
That will be an extra $10
```



Conditional Execution

```
answer=input("Would you like express shipping? ")
if answer == "yes" :
    print("That will be an extra $10")
print("Have a nice day")
```

```
In [2]: answer=input("Would you like express shipping? ")
...: if answer == "yes" :
...:     print("That will be an extra $10")
...: print("Have a nice day")
...:
```

```
Would you like express shipping? no
Have a nice day
```



Conditionals: Numerical Input



Handling Numerical Inputs

```
deposit=input("How much would you like to deposit? ")
if deposit > 100 :
    print("You get a free toaster!")
print("Have a nice day")
```

```
In [3]: deposit=input("How much would you like to deposit? ")
...: if deposit > 100 :
...:     print("You get a free toaster!")
...: print("Have a nice day")
...:
```

How much would you like to deposit? 100

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
File "<ipython-input-3-d1811792eccf>", line 2, in <module>
    if deposit > 100 :
```

TypeError: '>' not supported between instances of 'str' and 'int'



Handling Numerical Inputs

We have to convert the string value returned by the input function to a number

```
deposit=input("How much would you like to deposit? ")
if int(deposit) > 100 :
    print("You get a free toaster!")
print("Have a nice day")
```

```
In [4]: deposit=input("How much would you like to deposit? ")
...: if int(deposit) > 100 :
...:     print("You get a free toaster!")
...: print("Have a nice day")
...:
```

```
How much would you like to deposit? 150
You get a free toaster!
Have a nice day
```



Handling Numerical Inputs

We have to convert the string value returned by the input function to a number

```
deposit=int(input("How much would you like to deposit?
"))
if deposit > 100 :
    print("You get a free toaster!")
print("Have a nice day")
```

```
In [5]: deposit=int(input("How much would you like to deposit? "))
...: if deposit > 100 :
...:     print("You get a free toaster!")
...: print("Have a nice day")
...:
```

```
How much would you like to deposit? 200
You get a free toaster!
Have a nice day
```



Almost every if statement can be written two ways

```
if answer == "yes" :  
if not answer == "no" :
```

```
if total < 100 :  
if not total >= 100 :
```

Which do you prefer?



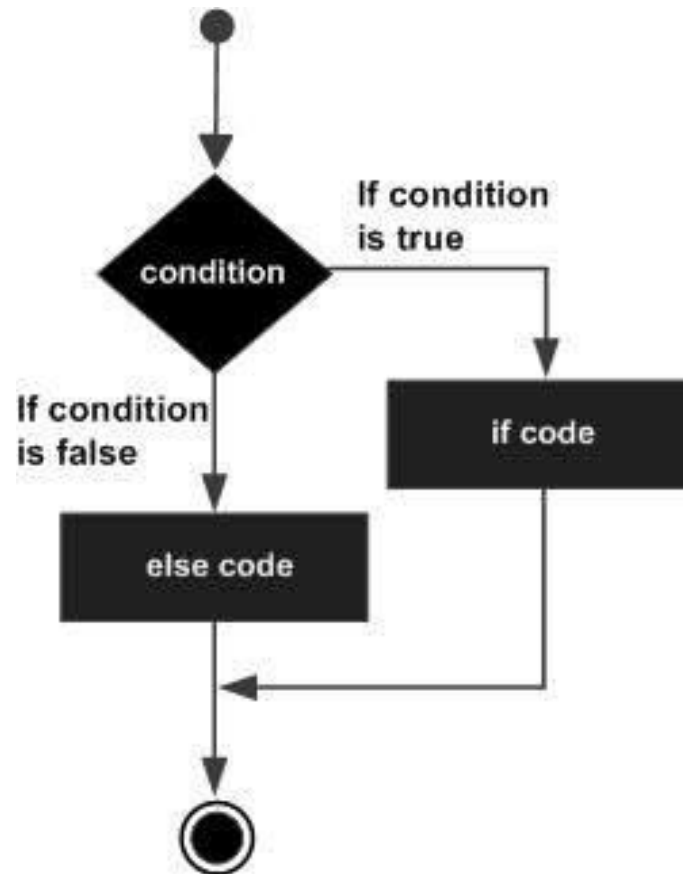
Conditionals: Multiple Conditionals



Alternative Execution

A second form of the if statement is “alternative execution”, in which there are two possibilities and the condition determines which one runs.

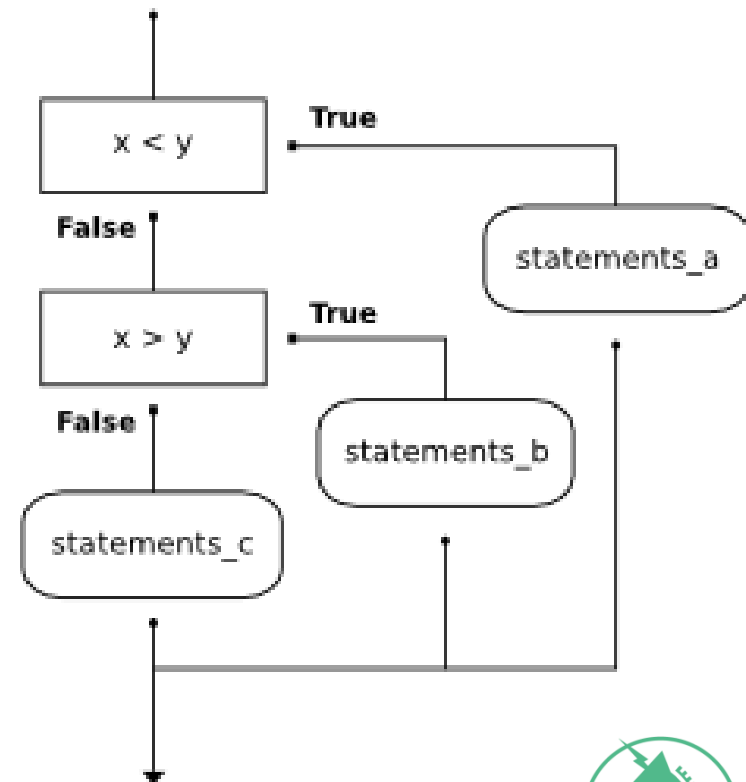
```
if x % 2 == 0:  
    print('x is even')  
else:  
    print('x is odd')
```



Chained Conditionals

Sometimes there are more than two possibilities and we need more than two branches. One way to express a computation like that is a chained conditional

```
if x < y :  
    print('x is less than y')  
elif x > y :  
    print('x is greater than y')  
else:  
    print('x and y are equal')
```



if, elif

```
country = input("Where are you from? " )
```

```
if country == "CANADA" :  
    print("Hello")
```

```
elif country == "GERMANY" :  
    print("Guten Tag")
```

```
elif country == "FRANCE" :  
    print("Bonjour")
```



if, elif, elif

```
country = input("Where are you from? " )

if country.upper() == "CANADA" :
    print("Hello")
elif country.upper() == "GERMANY" :
    print("Guten Tag")
elif country.upper() == "FRANCE" :
    print("Bonjour")
```

```
In [17]: country = input("Where are you from? " )
...:
...: if country.upper() == "CANADA" :
...:     print("Hello")
...: elif country.upper() == "GERMANY" :
...:     print("Guten Tag")
...: elif country.upper() == "FRANCE" :
...:     print("Bonjour")
...:
```

```
Where are you from? canada
Hello
```



if, elif, ..., else

We should add an **“else”** statement to catch any conditions we didn't list

```
country = input("Where are you from? " )
```

```
if country.upper() == "CANADA" :  
    print("Hello")  
elif country.upper() == "GERMANY" :  
    print("Guten Tag")  
elif country.upper() == "FRANCE" :  
    print("Bonjour")  
else :  
    print("Aloha/Ciao/G'Day/Ni Hao")
```



Conditionals: Combining Conditions



Types of Conditions

```
if 0 < x:
```

```
    if x < 10:
```

```
        print('x is a positive single-digit number.')
```

```
if 0 < x and x < 10:
```

```
    print('x is a positive single-digit number.')
```

```
if 0 < x < 10:
```

```
    print('x is a positive single-digit number.')
```



And

```
#Imagine you have code that ran earlier which
#set these two variables
wonLottery = True
bigWin = True
#print statement only executes if both conditions are true
if wonLottery and bigWin :
    print("you can retire")
```

```
In [20]: #Imagine you have code that ran earlier which
...: #set these two variables
...: wonLottery = True
...: bigWin = True
...:
...: #print statement only executes if both conditions are true
...: if wonLottery and bigWin :
...:     print("you can retire")
...:
you can retire
```



And

if firstCondition and secondCondition :

First Condition is	Second Condition is	Statement is
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	False
False	False	False



or

```
#Imagine you have code that ran earlier which
#set these two variables
saturday = True
sunday = False

#print statement executes if either condition is true
if saturday or sunday :
    print("you can sleep in")
```



or

```
if firstCondition or secondCondition :
```

First Condition is	Second Condition is	Statement is
True	True	True
True	False	True
False	True	True
False	False	False



Conditionals: Multiple And(s) and Or(s)



Multiple or(s)

```
if month == "Sep" or month == "Apr" \
    or month == "Jun" or month == "Nov" :
    print("There are 30 days in this month")
```



Multiple and(s)

```
if favMovie == "Star Wars" \
    and favBook == "Lord of the Rings" \
    and favEvent == "ComiCon" :
    print("You and I should hang out")
```



Multiple or(s)/and(s)

When in doubt, just add parentheses whenever you combine and/or in a single if statement.

```
if country == "CANADA" and \
    (pet == "MOOSE" or pet == "BEAVER") :
    print("Do you play hockey too")
```



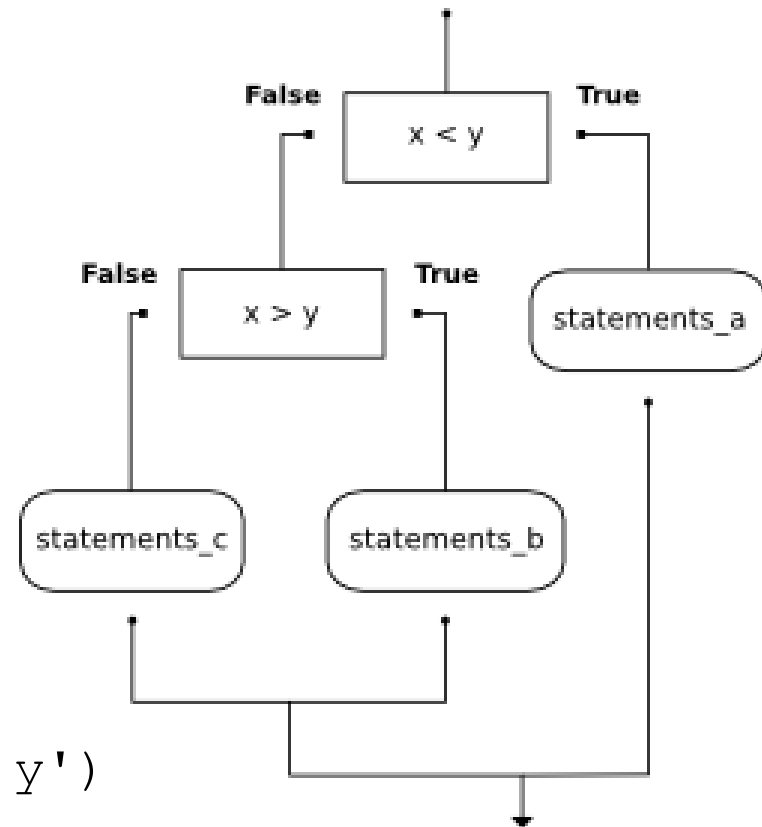
Conditionals: Nested Conditionals



Nested Conditionals

One conditional can also be nested within another. We could have written the example in the previous section like this:

```
if x == y:
    print('x and y are equal')
else:
    if x < y:
        print('x is less than y')
    else:
        print('x is greater than y')
```



Nested Conditionals

```
monday = True
freshCoffee = False
if monday :
    #you could have code here to check for fresh coffee

# the if statement is nested, so this if statement
# is only executed if the other if statement is true
    if not freshCoffee :
        print("go buy a coffee!")
        print("I hate Mondays")
print("now you can start work")
```



Nested Conditionals

```
In [52]: monday = True
...: freshCoffee = False
...: if monday :
...:
#you could have code here to check for fresh coffee
...:
...: # the if statement is nested, so this if statement
...:
# is only executed if the other if statement is true
...:     if not freshCoffee :
...:         print("go buy a coffee!")
...:         print("I hate Mondays")
...:     print("now you can start work")
...:
go buy a coffee!
I hate Mondays
now you can start work
```



Conditionals: Boolean Variables



Boolean Variables

You can use Boolean variables to remember if a condition is true or false

```
deposit= input("how much would you like to deposit? ")
if float(deposit) > 100 :
    #Set the boolean variable freeToaster to True
    freeToaster=True

#if the variable freeToaster is True
#the print statement will execute
if freeToaster :
    print("enjoy your toaster")
```



Boolean Variables

Why does our code crash when we enter a value of 50 for a deposit?

```
deposit= input("how much would you like to deposit? ")
if float(deposit) > 100 :
    #Set the boolean variable freeToaster to True
    freeToaster=True

#if the variable freeToaster is True
#the print statement will execute
if freeToaster :
    print("enjoy your toaster")
```



Boolean Variables

```
In [6]: deposit= input("how much would you like to deposit? ")
...: if float(deposit) > 100 :
...:     #Set the boolean variable freeToaster to True
...:     freeToaster=True
...:
...: #if the variable freeToaster is True
...: #the print statement will execute
...: if freeToaster :
...:     print("enjoy your toaster")
...:
```

how much would you like to deposit? 50

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
File "<ipython-input-6-491957cec09f>", line 8, in <module>
    if freeToaster :
```

NameError: name 'freeToaster' is not defined



Initialize Variables

```
#Initialize the variable to fix the error  
freeToaster=False
```

```
deposit= input("how much would you like to deposit? ")  
if float(deposit) > 100 :  
    #Set the boolean variable freeToaster to True  
    freeToaster=True
```

```
#if the variable freeToaster is True  
#the print statement will execute  
if freeToaster :  
    print("enjoy your toaster")
```



Initialize Variables

```
In [7]: #Initialize the variable to fix the error
...: freeToaster=False
...:
...: deposit= input("how much would you like to deposit? ")
...: if float(deposit) > 100 :
...:     #Set the boolean variable freeToaster to True
...:     freeToaster=True
...:
...: #if the variable freeToaster is True
...: #the print statement will execute
...: if freeToaster :
...:     print("enjoy your toaster")
...:
```

how much would you like to deposit? 50



Loops: Turtle



some of the turtle commands

Command	Action
<code>right(x)</code>	Rotate right x degrees
<code>left(x)</code>	Rotate left x degrees
<code>color('x')</code>	Change pen color to x
<code>forward(x)</code>	Move forward x
<code>backward(x)</code>	Move backward x



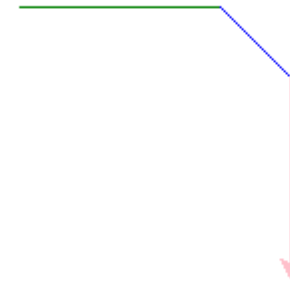
Did you know Python can draw?

```
import turtle  
turtle.forward(100)  
  
# close turtle window:  
# turtle.Screen().bye()
```



.color(), .right(), .forward()

```
import turtle
turtle.color('green')
turtle.forward(100)
turtle.right(45)
turtle.color('blue')
turtle.forward(50)
turtle.right(45)
turtle.color('pink')
turtle.forward(100)
# turtle.Screen().bye()
```



Loops : For Loops



Types of Loops

Loop	Description
while loop	Repeats a statement or group of statements while a given condition is TRUE. It tests the condition before executing the loop body.
for loop	Executes a sequence of statements multiple times and abbreviates the code that manages the loop variable.
nested loops	You can use one or more loop inside any another loop



Function: range

We can generate a sequence of numbers using range() function. range(10) will generate numbers from 0 to 9 (10 numbers). We can also define the start, stop and step size as range(start, stop, step size). step size defaults to 1 if not provided.

```
print(range(10)) # Output: range(0, 10)
```

```
print(list(range(10))) # Output: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

```
print(list(range(2, 8))) # Output: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
```

```
print(list(range(2, 20, 3))) # Output: [2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17]
```



get turtle do draw a square

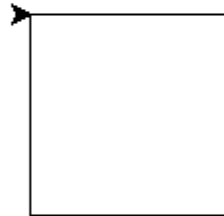
```
import turtle  
turtle.forward(100)  
turtle.right(90)  
turtle.forward(100)  
turtle.right(90)  
turtle.forward(100)  
turtle.right(90)  
turtle.forward(100)
```



Use for Loops

```
import turtle
for steps in range(4):
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
```

range(4): Number of times to execute the code in the loop



Use for Loops

When you change the range, you change the number of times the code executes

```
import turtle
for steps in range(3):
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
```



Only the indented code is repeated!

```
import turtle
for steps in range(3):
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
turtle.color('red')
turtle.forward(200)
```



for and if

```
word = 'banana'
count = 0
for letter in word:
    if letter == 'a':
        count = count + 1
print(count)
```

```
In [21]: word = 'banana'
...: count = 0
...: for letter in word:
...:     if letter == 'a':
...:         count = count + 1
...: print(count)
...:
```

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Looping

```
word = 'banana'
count = 0
for letter in word:
    if letter == 'a':
        count = count + 1
print(count)
```



Looping

```
word = 'banana'
```

```
count = 0
```

```
for letter in word:
```

```
    if letter == 'a':
```

```
        count = count + 1
```

```
print(count)
```

```
In [23]: word = 'banana'
...: count = 0
...: for letter in word:
...:     if letter == 'a':
...:         count = count + 1
...:     print(count)
...:
```

```
0
1
1
2
2
3
```

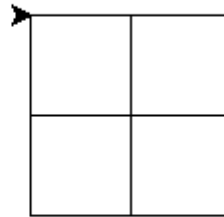


Loops: Nested for Loops



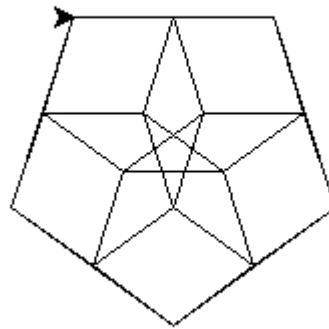
put a loop inside another loop

```
import turtle
for steps in range(4):
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
    for moresteps in range(4):
        turtle.forward(50)
        turtle.right(90)
```



put a loop inside another loop

```
import turtle
for steps in range(5):
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(360/5)
    for moresteps in range(5):
        turtle.forward(50)
        turtle.right(360/5)
```

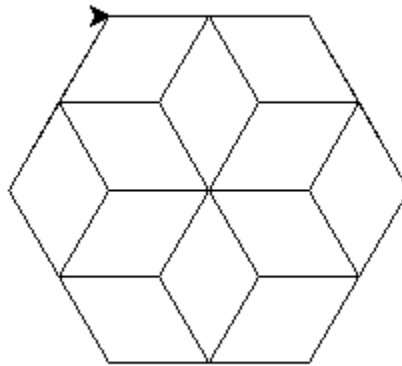


Loops: Variables in Loops



Create Variables

```
import turtle
nbrSides = 6
for steps in range(nbrSides):
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(360/nbrSides)
    for moresteps in range(nbrSides):
        turtle.forward(50)
        turtle.right(360/nbrSides)
```



Create Variables

When we use a variable and we want to change a value that appears in many places, we only have to update one line of code!

```
import turtle
nbrSides = 6
for steps in range(nbrSides):
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(360/nbrSides)
    for moresteps in range(nbrSides):
        turtle.forward(50)
        turtle.right(360/nbrSides)
```



Loops: Loop Values



Values in Loops

Yes, counting starts at zero in for loops, that's pretty common in programming

```
for steps in range(4) :  
    print(steps)
```

```
In [9]: for steps in range(4) :  
...:     print(steps)  
...:  
0  
1  
2  
3
```



start counting from “1”

```
for steps in range(1, 4) :  
    print(steps)
```

```
In [10]: for steps in range(1,4) :  
        ...:     print(steps)  
        ...:  
1  
2  
3
```



specifying a step

```
for steps in range(1,10,2) :  
    print(steps)
```

```
In [11]: for steps in range(1,10,2) :  
        ...:     print(steps)  
        ...:  
1  
3  
5  
7  
9
```



Brackets

One of the cool things about Python is the way you can tell it exactly what values you want to use in the loop

This requires using `[]` brackets instead of `()` and you don't use the "range" keyword

```
for steps in [1,2,3,4,5] :  
    print(steps)
```

```
In [12]: for steps in [1,2,3,4,5] :  
        ...:     print(steps)  
        ...:  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5
```



you don't have to use numbers

```
import turtle
for steps in ['red', 'blue', 'green', 'black'] :
    turtle.color(steps)
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
```



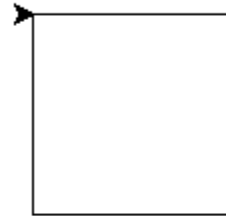
Loops:

`while` Loops



Draw a Square Using a while Loop

```
import turtle
counter = 0
while counter < 4:
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
    counter = counter+1
```



for vs loop

Both loops have the same end result

```
import turtle
for steps in range(4):
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
```

```
import turtle
counter = 0
while counter < 4:
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
    counter = counter+1
```



How many lines will this loop draw?

It will actually draw 5 lines! Not 4!

```
import turtle
counter = 0
while counter <= 4:
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
    counter = counter+1
```



How many lines will this loop draw?

It will draw only 3 lines! Not 4!

```
import turtle
counter = 1
while counter < 4:
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
    counter = counter+1
```



How many lines will this loop draw?

Trick question! It will execute forever! Because the value of counter is never updated! How can the counter ever become greater than 3? This is called an endless loop and sometimes we get one by mistake.

```
import turtle
counter = 0
while counter < 3:
    turtle.forward(100)
    turtle.right(90)
```



Using while

Another is the while statement. Here is a version of countdown that uses a while statement

```
def countdown(n):  
    while n > 0:  
        print(n)  
        n = n - 1  
    print('Blastoff!')
```



Using while

```
def countdown(n):  
    while n > 0:  
        print(n)  
        n = n - 1  
    print('Blastoff!')
```



Using while

```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
```

```
>>> len(fruit)
```

```
index = 0
```

```
while index < len(fruit):
```

```
    letter = fruit[index]
```

```
    print(letter)
```

```
index = index + 1
```



Loops: Loop Control Statements

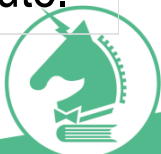


Control Statements

Loop control statements change execution from its normal sequence. When execution leaves a scope, all automatic objects that were created in that scope are destroyed.

Python supports the following control statements. Click the following links to check their detail.

Function	Description
break	Terminates the loop statement and transfers execution to the statement immediately following the loop.
continue	the loop to skip the remainder of its body and immediately retest its condition prior to reiterating.
pass	The pass statement in Python is used when a statement is required syntactically but you do not want any command or code to execute.



break statement

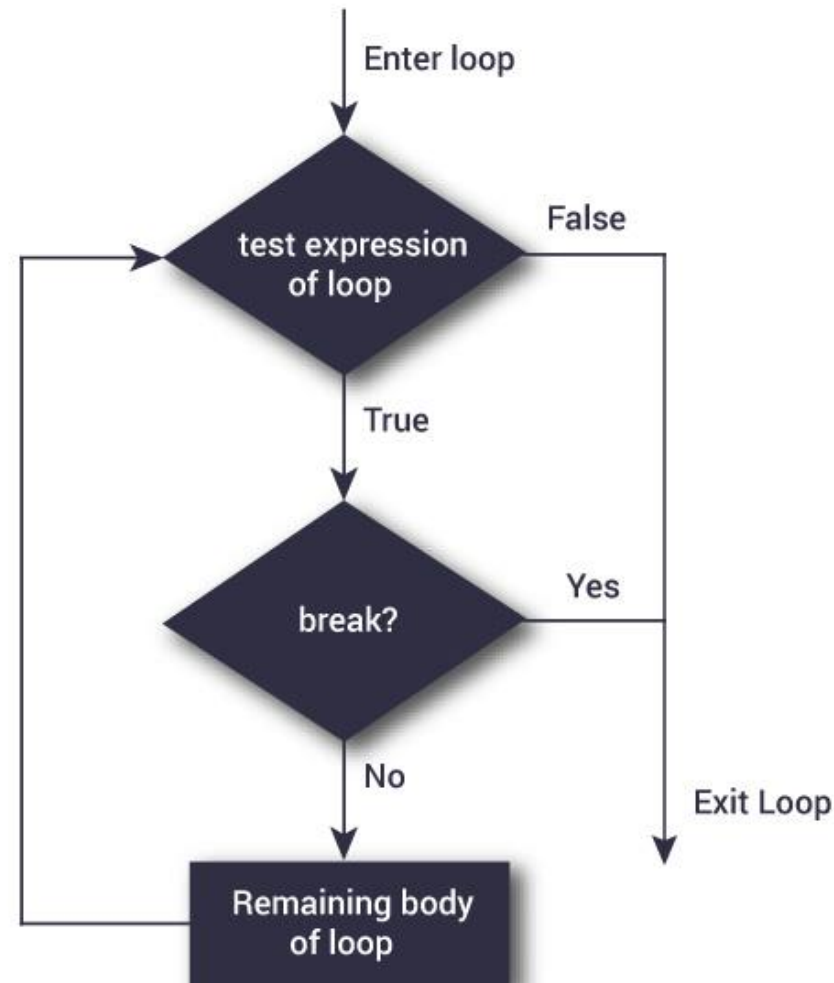
It terminates the current loop and resumes execution at the next statement, just like the traditional break statement in C.

The most common use for break is when some external condition is triggered requiring a hasty exit from a loop. The break statement can be used in both while and for loops.

If you are using nested loops, the break statement stops the execution of the innermost loop and start executing the next line of code after the block.



Break



break

```
for letter in 'Python':      # First Example
    if letter == 'h':
        break

    print 'Current Letter :', letter

var = 10                      # Second Example
while var > 0:
    print 'Current variable value :', var
    var = var -1
    if var == 5:
        break

print "Good bye!"
```



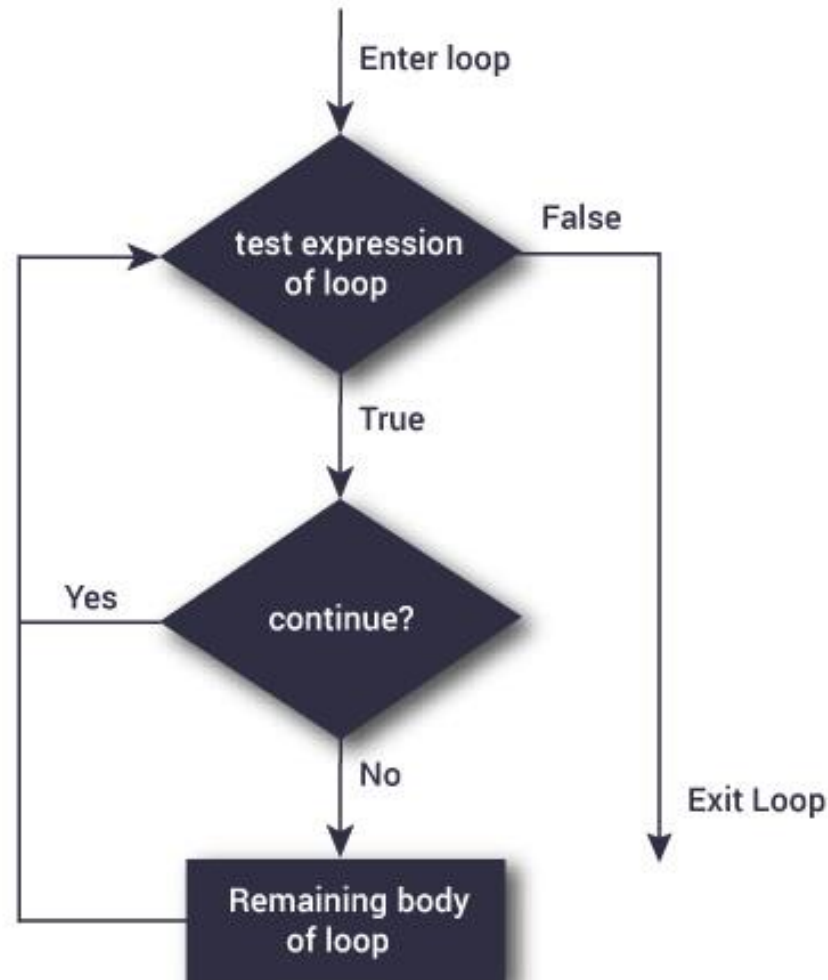
Continue Statement

It returns the control to the beginning of the while loop.. The continue statement rejects all the remaining statements in the current iteration of the loop and moves the control back to the top of the loop.

The continue statement can be used in both while and for loops.



continue



continue

```
for letter in 'Python':      # First Example
    if letter == 'h':
        continue

    print 'Current Letter :', letter

var = 10                      # Second Example
while var > 0:
    var = var -1
    if var == 5:
        continue

    print 'Current variable value :', var
print "Good bye!"
```



Case Studies: Factorial



Calculate Factorials

The factorial of a number is the product of all the integers from 1 to that number.

For example, the factorial of 6 (denoted as $6!$) is $1*2*3*4*5*6 = 720$. Factorial is not defined for negative numbers and the factorial of zero is one, $0! = 1$.



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```
# Python program to find the factorial of a number
provided by the user.

# change the value for a different result
num = 7

# uncomment to take input from the user
#num = int(input("Enter a number: "))

factorial = 1

# check if the number is negative, positive or zero
if num < 0:

    print("Sorry, factorial does not exist for negative
numbers")

# to be cont'd
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elif num == 0:  
    print("The factorial of 0 is 1")  
else:  
    for i in range(1,num + 1):  
        factorial = factorial*i  
    print("The factorial of",num,"is",factorial)
```



References

