Python Developer Notes

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Introduction:

This is a document that contains detailed and important notes on various topic a related to Python programming with an emphasis on practical applications

Introduction To Python

Why Python?

1. Easy to Learn and Read:

- Python has a simple and readable syntax, making it easy for beginners to learn and understand.

2. Versatile:

- Python can be used for various tasks like web development, data analysis, machine learning, and automation.

3. Active Community Support:

- Python has a large community that provides support, resources, and collaboration opportunities.

4. Works Everywhere:

- Python runs on different operating systems without major modifications, making it cross-platform compatible.

5. No Low-Level Hassles:

- Python handles low-level details like memory management and hardware specifics, so you can focus on solving problems.

6. Lots of Tools and Libraries:

- Python offers a wide range of tools, frameworks, and libraries for different purposes, saving time in development.

7. Fast Prototyping:

- Python allows quick prototyping and development, enabling you to bring ideas to life faster.

8. Easy Integration:

- Python integrates well with other languages and systems, making it easy to work with existing code and technologies.

Applications (5 mins)

1. Web Development:

- Python is used to build websites and web applications using frameworks like Django and Flask.

2. Data Science and Analytics:

- Python is used for data analysis, visualization, and modeling in fields like business intelligence and research.

3. Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence:

- Python is used to develop machine learning models and AI algorithms for tasks like image recognition and natural language processing.

4. Scientific Computing:

- Python is used in scientific research and simulations for tasks like physics modeling and climate analysis.

5. Automation and Scripting:

- Python is used for automating tasks and writing scripts to streamline workflows and system administration.

6. Game Development:

- Python is used to create games and simulations using libraries like Pygame.

7. Cybersecurity:

- Python is used for cybersecurity tasks such as penetration testing and network analysis.

8. Internet of Things (IoT):

- Python is used for controlling and managing IoT devices and sensors.

9. Finance and Fintech:

- Python is used for financial analysis, algorithmic trading, and risk management.

10. Education:

- Python is used in education to teach programming concepts and computational thinking.

installations // includes setup verification //(15 mins)

Python IDLE:

1. Download Python:

- Visit the official Python website at https://www.python.org/downloads/.
- Download the latest version of Python for your operating system (Windows, macOS, or Linux).
- Run the installer and follow the on-screen instructions to install Python.

2. Launch Python IDLE:

- Once Python is installed, open the Start menu (Windows) or Launchpad (macOS).
- Search for "IDLE" and launch Python IDLE from the search results.
- Python IDLE will open, providing you with an interactive environment for writing and executing Python code.

Jupyter Notebook:

1. Install Anaconda (Optional):

- Anaconda is a popular distribution that includes Python and many commonly used libraries, including Jupyter Notebook.

- Download Anaconda from https://www.anaconda.com/products/distribution.

- Follow the installation instructions for your operating system.

2. Install Jupyter Notebook via pip (Alternative):

- If you prefer not to use Anaconda, you can install Jupyter Notebook using pip, the Python package manager.

- Open a terminal or command prompt.

- Run the following command to install Jupyter Notebook:

```
pip install notebook
```

3. Launch Jupyter Notebook:

- After installation, open a terminal or command prompt.

- Navigate to the directory where you want to work with Jupyter Notebook.

- Run the following command:

```
jupyter notebook
```

- Jupyter Notebook will launch in your default web browser, allowing you to create and edit notebooks.

Google Colab:

1. Access Google Colab:

   - Google Colab is a cloud-based platform, so there's no need to install anything locally.

   - Open your web browser and go to https://colab.research.google.com/.

2. Sign in with Google Account:

   - If you're not already signed in to your Google account, sign in or create a new account.

3. Create a New Notebook:

   - Once signed in, you'll see the Colab welcome page.

   - Click on "New Notebook" to create a new Colab notebook.

   - You can now start writing and executing Python code in the notebook.

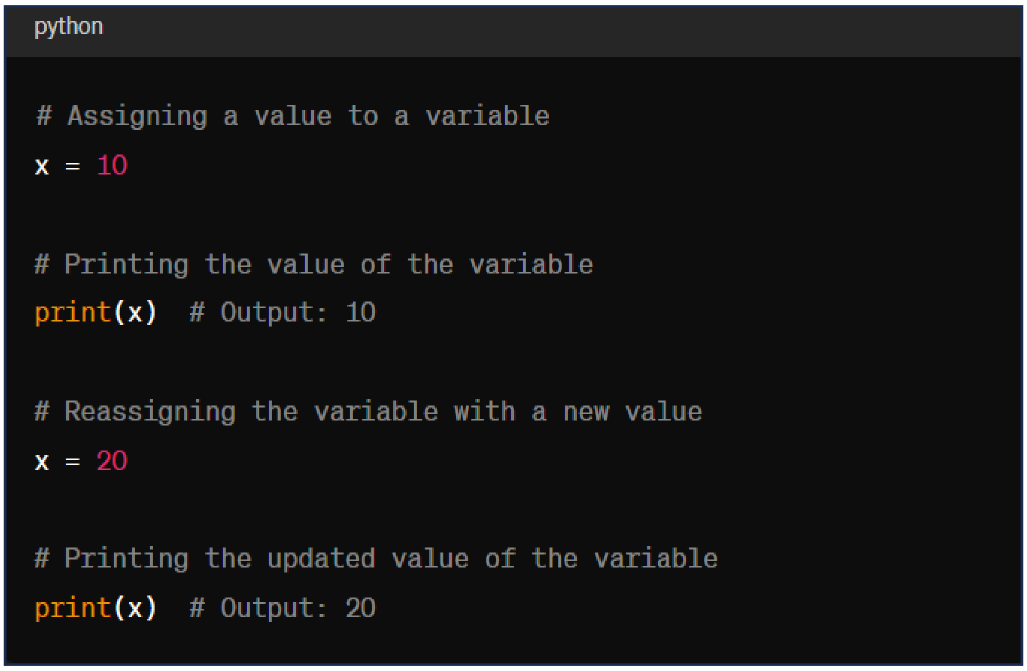
Syntax //do's and don'ts (To be included in every following topic)

Variables

In Python, a variable is a named storage location used to store data. The data stored in a variable can be of different types, such as integers, floats, strings, booleans, or even more complex data structures like lists or dictionaries.

variable in Python is simply a name that refers to a value stored in memory. You can assign values to variables, retrieve their values, and update them as needed throughout your program.

Here's a simple example:



```python
# Assigning a value to a variable
x = 10

# Printing the value of the variable
print(x)  # Output: 10

# Reassigning the variable with a new value
x = 20

# Printing the updated value of the variable
print(x)  # Output: 20
```

In this example:

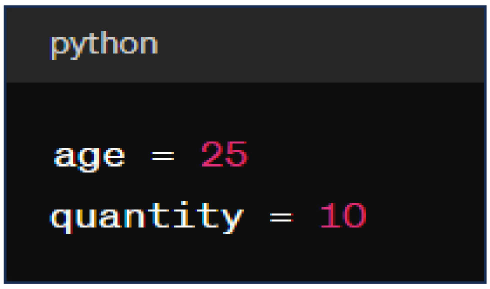
- We create a variable named `x` and assign it the value `10`.
- We then print the value of the variable `x`, which is `10`.
- Next, we reassign the variable `x` with a new value `20`.
- Finally, we print the updated value of the variable `x`, which is now `20`.

Data Types

Integer (int):

- Description: Integers are whole numbers without any decimal points.
- Why we use them: Integers are used for counting and representing quantities that are always whole numbers.
- Where we use them: Commonly used in arithmetic operations, counting items, indexing sequences, and representing quantities without fractional parts.

- Example:

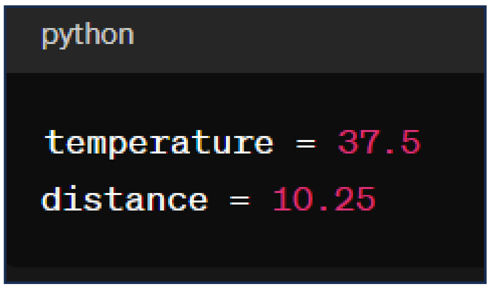


```python
age = 25
quantity = 10
```

Float (float):

- Description: Floats represent numbers with decimal points or exponential notation.
- Why we use them: Floats are used for representing real numbers with fractional parts or very large/small values.
- Where we use them: Commonly used in scientific calculations, financial computations, measurements, and any situation requiring real numbers.

- Example:

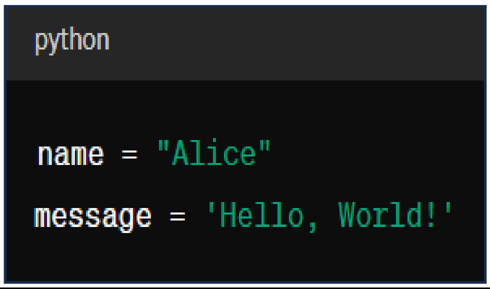


```python
temperature = 37.5
distance = 10.25
```

String (str):

- Description: Strings represent sequences of characters enclosed in single, double, or triple quotes.
- Why we use them: Strings are used for storing and manipulating textual data.
- Where we use them: Commonly used for representing names, addresses, messages, file contents, and any textual data.

- Example:

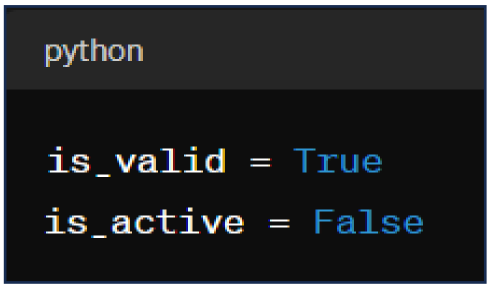


```python
name = "Alice"
message = 'Hello, World!'
```

Boolean (bool):

- Description: Booleans represent logical values indicating either True or False.
- Why we use them: Booleans are used for controlling program flow and representing truth values.
- Where we use them: Commonly used in conditional statements, loops, flags, and indicators for program states or conditions.

- Example:



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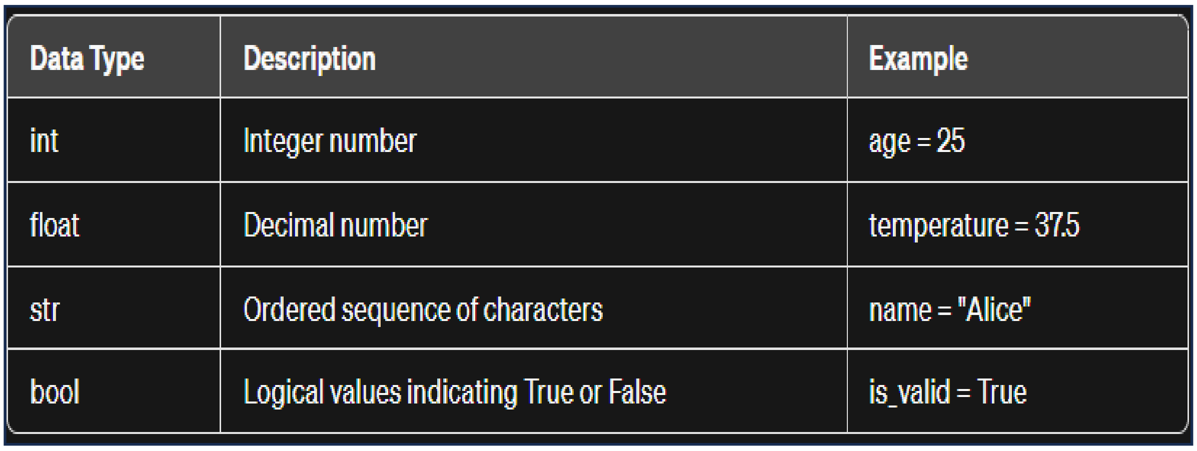
```python
is_valid = True
is_active = False
```

comparison table for these data types:

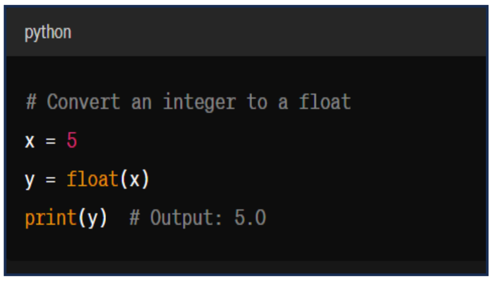


Data Type	Description	Example
int	Integer number	age = 25
float	Decimal number	temperature = 37.5
str	Ordered sequence of characters	name = "Alice"
bool	Logical values indicating True or False	is_valid = True

Type Casting:

- Description: Type casting, also known as type conversion, is the process of converting one data type into another.
- Why we use it: We use type casting when we need to change the data type of a value to perform certain operations or to ensure compatibility with other data types.
- Where we use it: Type casting is commonly used in situations where we need to convert between different data types, such as arithmetic operations involving different data types or when working with user input.

Example 1: Integer to Float



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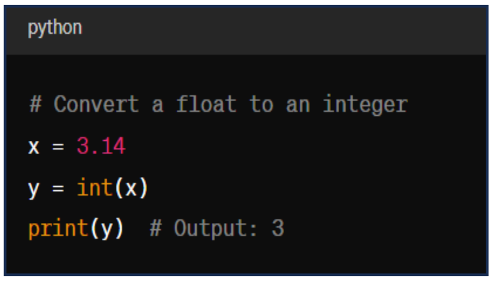
```python
# Convert an integer to a float
x = 5
y = float(x)
print(y)  # Output: 5.0
```

Example 2: Float to Integer



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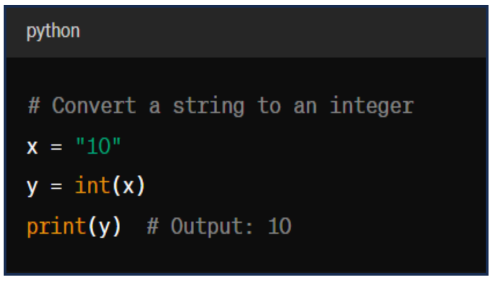
```python
# Convert a float to an integer
x = 3.14
y = int(x)
print(y)  # Output: 3
```

Example 3: String to Integer



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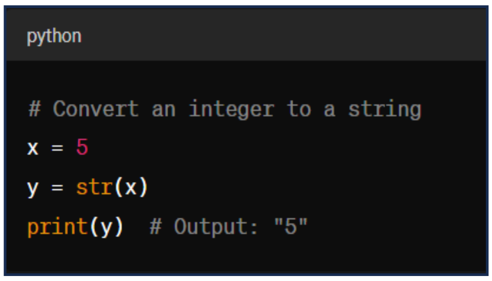
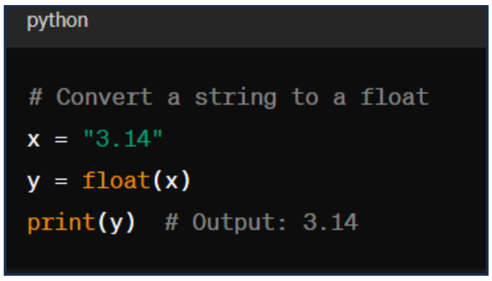
```python
# Convert a string to an integer
x = "10"
y = int(x)
print(y)  # Output: 10
```

Example 4: Integer to String



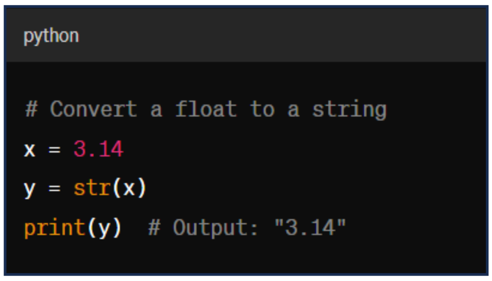
```python
# Convert an integer to a string
x = 5
y = str(x)
print(y)  # Output: "5"
```

Example 5: String to Float



```python
# Convert a string to a float
x = "3.14"
y = float(x)
print(y)  # Output: 3.14
```

Example 6: Float to String



```python
# Convert a float to a string
x = 3.14
y = str(x)
print(y)  # Output: "3.14"
```

In each example, we use a built-in function (`int()`, `float()`, or `str()`) to perform type casting. This allows us to convert values from one data type to another as needed for specific operations or requirements. Type casting helps ensure that our code behaves as expected and that data is correctly processed and interpreted.

Identifiers and keywords

Identifiers:

- Description: Identifiers are names given to entities in Python, such as variables, functions, classes, modules, or objects.
- Why we use them: We use identifiers to uniquely identify and refer to entities in our code.
- Where we use them: Identifiers are used whenever we need to define or reference entities in our Python programs.

Identifiers are names given to entities in Python, while keywords are reserved words with special meanings. Identifiers must follow certain rules and cannot be keywords. Both identifiers and keywords play important roles in defining and using entities in Python programs.

Rules for Identifiers:

1. Must start with a letter (a-z, A-Z) or an underscore (_).
2. Can be followed by letters, digits (0-9), or underscores.
3. Cannot be a keyword (reserved word).
4. Case-sensitive.

Examples of Identifiers:

- Variable names: `x`, `name`, `total_count`

- Function names: `calculate_area`, `print_message`

- Class names: `Person`, `Rectangle`

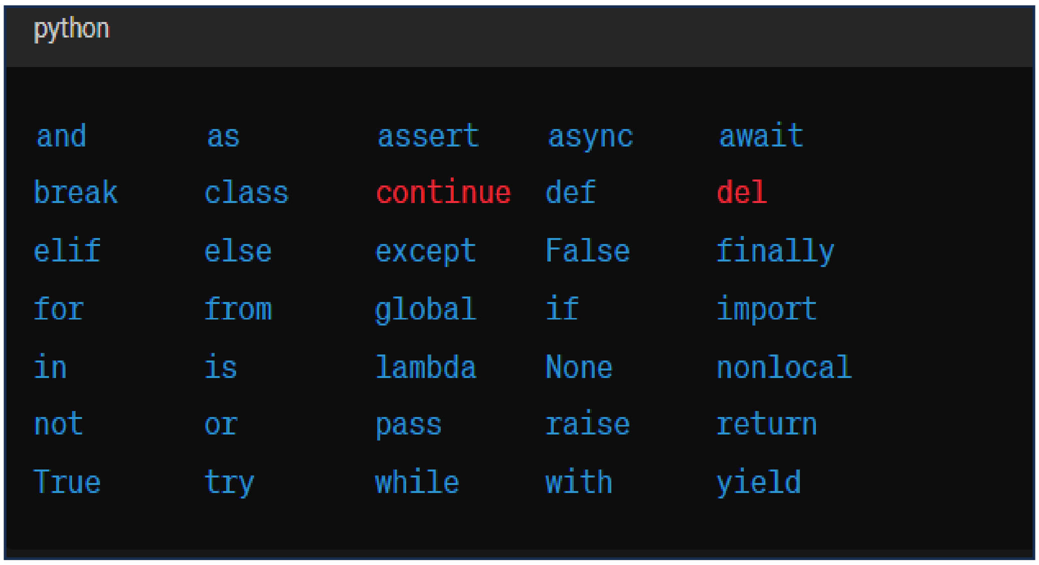
- Module names: `math`, `random`

- Object names: `person`, `rectangle`

Keywords:

- Description: Keywords are reserved words in Python that have special meanings and cannot be used as identifiers.
- Why we use them: Keywords define the syntax and structure of the Python language and are used for specific purposes in the code.
- Where we use them: Keywords are used in statements, expressions, and definitions throughout Python programs.

Examples of Keywords:



```python
and       as        assert    async     await
break     class     continue  def       del
elif      else      except    False     finally
for       from      global    if        import
in        is        lambda    None      nonlocal
not       or        pass      raise     return
True      try       while     with      yield
```

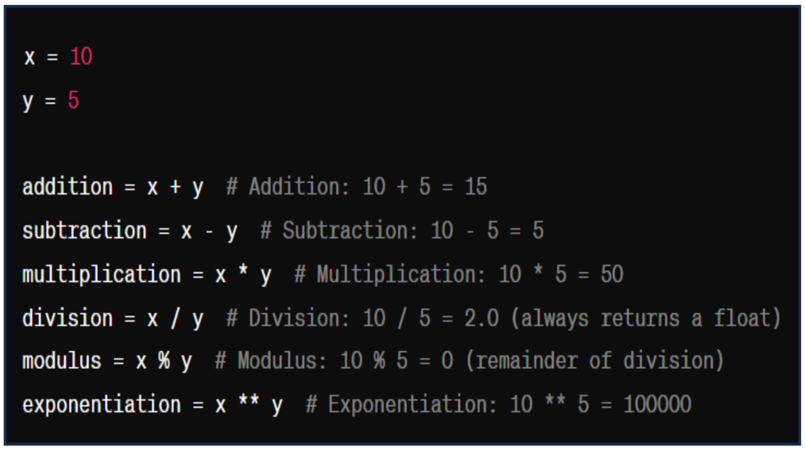
Operators:

- Description: Operators are symbols or special characters that perform operations on operands (values or variables).
- Why we use them: We use operators to perform mathematical, logical, comparison, assignment, and other operations in Python.
- Where we use them: Operators are used in expressions, statements, and assignments throughout Python programs.

Arithmetic Operators:

- Arithmetic operators perform mathematical operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, modulus, and exponentiation.

- Example:

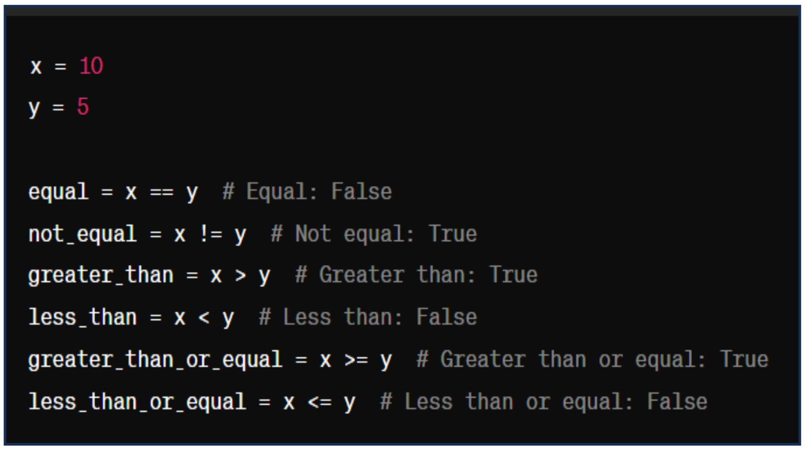


```python
x = 10
y = 5

addition = x + y  # Addition: 10 + 5 = 15
subtraction = x - y  # Subtraction: 10 - 5 = 5
multiplication = x * y  # Multiplication: 10 * 5 = 50
division = x / y  # Division: 10 / 5 = 2.0 (always returns a float)
modulus = x % y  # Modulus: 10 % 5 = 0 (remainder of division)
exponentiation = x ** y  # Exponentiation: 10 ** 5 = 100000
```

Comparison Operators:

- Comparison operators compare two values and return True or False based on the comparison result.



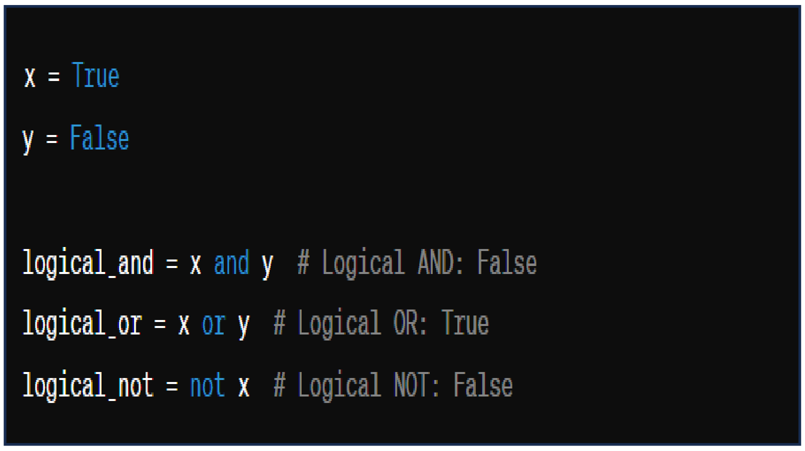
```python
x = 10
y = 5

equal = x == y  # Equal: False
not_equal = x != y  # Not equal: True
greater_than = x > y  # Greater than: True
less_than = x < y  # Less than: False
greater_than_or_equal = x >= y  # Greater than or equal: True
less_than_or_equal = x <= y  # Less than or equal: False
```

Logical Operators:

- Logical operators perform logical operations like AND, OR, and NOT on Boolean values.

- Example:



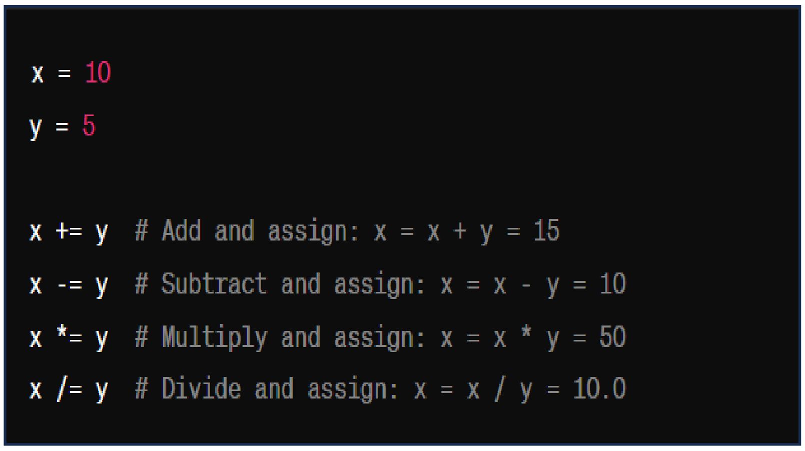
```
x = True
y = False

logical_and = x and y  # Logical AND: False
logical_or = x or y  # Logical OR: True
logical_not = not x  # Logical NOT: False
```

Assignment Operators:

- Assignment operators are used to assign values to variables.

- Example:



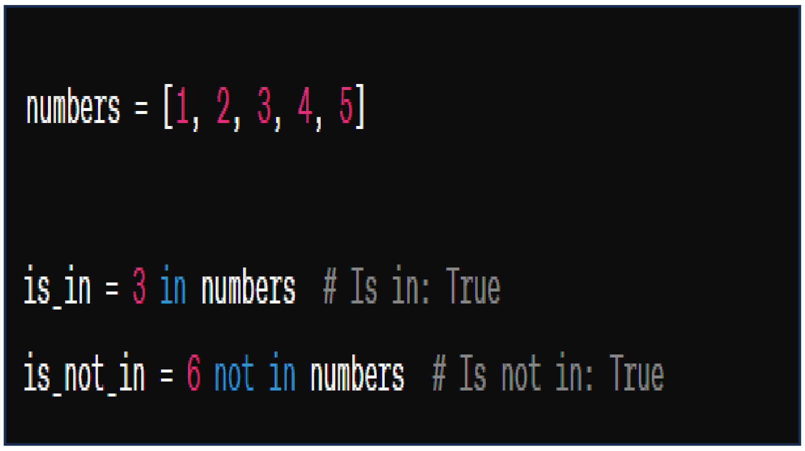
```
x = 10
y = 5

x += y  # Add and assign: x = x + y = 15
x -= y  # Subtract and assign: x = x - y = 10
x *= y  # Multiply and assign: x = x * y = 50
x /= y  # Divide and assign: x = x / y = 10.0
```

Membership Operators:

- Membership operators test for membership in a sequence (lists, tuples, strings, etc.).

- Example:



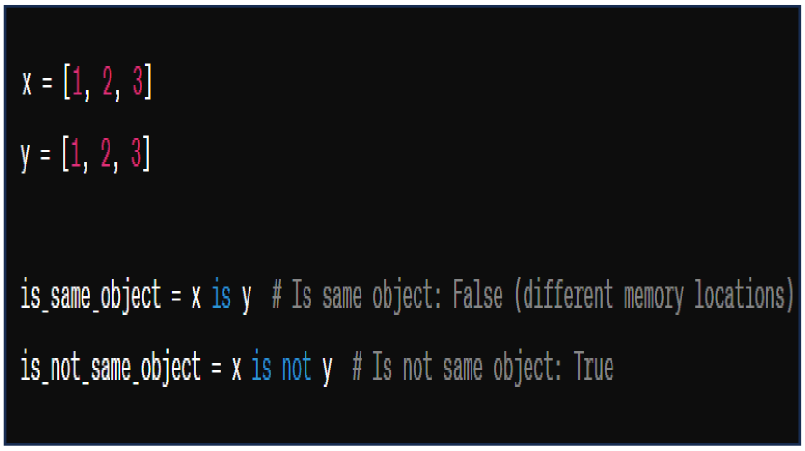
```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

is_in = 3 in numbers  # Is in: True
is_not_in = 6 not in numbers  # Is not in: True
```

Identity Operators:

- Identity operators compare the memory locations of two objects.

- Example:



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x = [1, 2, 3]
y = [1, 2, 3]

is_same_object = x is y  # Is same object: False (different memory locations)
is_not_same_object = x is not y  # Is not same object: True
```

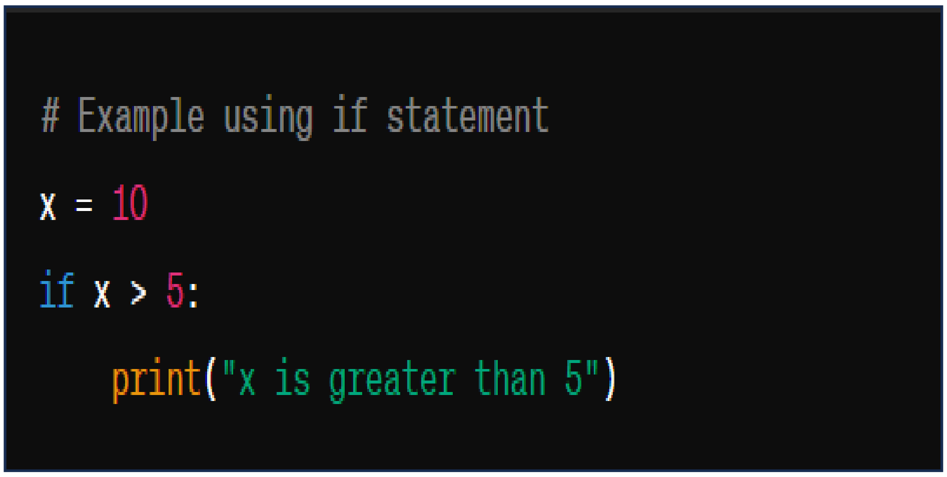
These examples illustrate how operators are used in Python to perform various operations like arithmetic, comparison, logical, assignment, membership, and identity operations. Operators are fundamental to writing expressions and statements in Python programs.

Conditional statements

1. `if` Statement:

- The `if` statement is used to execute a block of code if a condition is true.
- It's the simplest form of a conditional statement.
- Syntax: `if condition:` followed by an indented block of code.

Example:



```python
# Example using if statement
x = 10
if x > 5:
    print("x is greater than 5")
```

Explanation:

- The `if` statement checks if the condition `x > 5` is true.

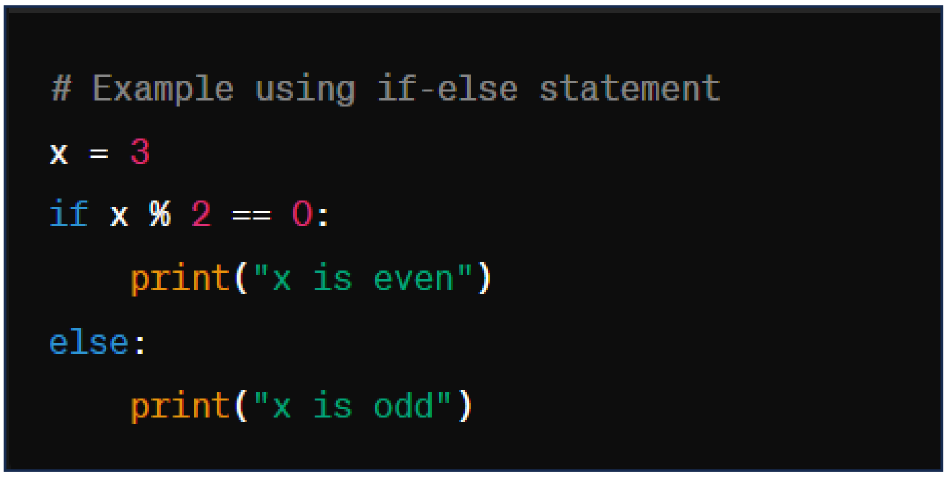
- If the condition is true, the indented block of code (`print("x is greater than 5")`) is executed.

- If the condition is false, the block of code is skipped, and the program continues to the next statement.

2. `if-else` Statement:

- The `if-else` statement is used to execute one block of code if the condition is true, and another block if it's false.
- It provides an alternative path of execution.
- Syntax: `if condition:` followed by an indented block of code, followed by `else:` and another indented block of code.

Example:



```python
# Example using if-else statement
x = 3
if x % 2 == 0:
    print("x is even")
else:
    print("x is odd")
```

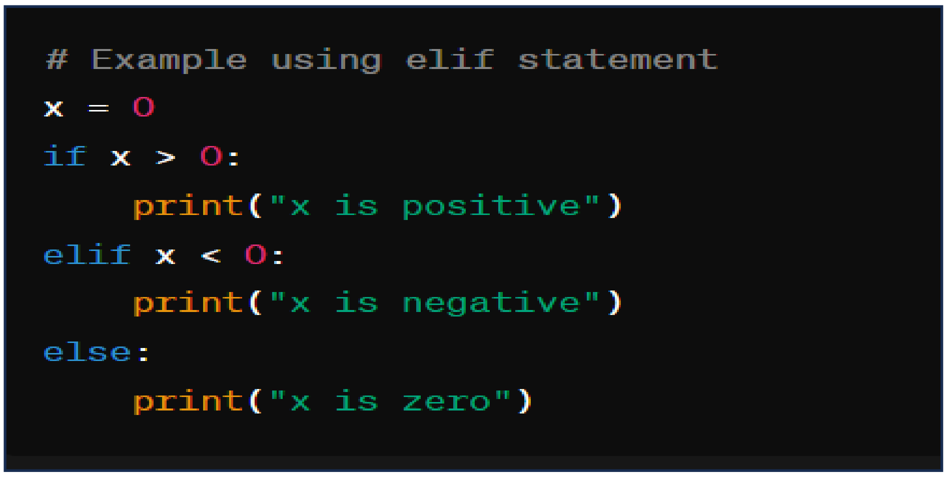
Explanation:

- The `if` statement checks if the condition `x % 2 == 0` (i.e., if `x` is even) is true.
- If the condition is true, the first indented block of code (`print("x is even")`) is executed.
- If the condition is false, the `else` statement's indented block of code (`print("x is odd")`) is executed.

3. `elif` Statement:

- The `elif` statement stands for "else if" and is used to check additional conditions if the previous conditions are false.
- It allows for multiple branching paths of execution.
- Syntax: `elif condition:` followed by an indented block of code.

Example:



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# Example using elif statement
x = 0
if x > 0:
    print("x is positive")
elif x < 0:
    print("x is negative")
else:
    print("x is zero")
```

Explanation:

- The `if` statement checks if the condition `x > 0` is true.
- If true, it executes the first indented block of code (`print("x is positive")`).
- If false, the `elif` statement checks if `x < 0` is true.
- If true, it executes the second indented block of code (`print("x is negative")`).
- If both conditions are false, the `else` statement's indented block of code (`print("x is zero")`) is executed.

4. Nested Conditional Statements:

- Nested conditional statements are conditional statements within other conditional statements.
- They allow for more complex decision-making logic.
- Syntax: Conditional statements can be nested by placing one inside the other, with appropriate indentation.

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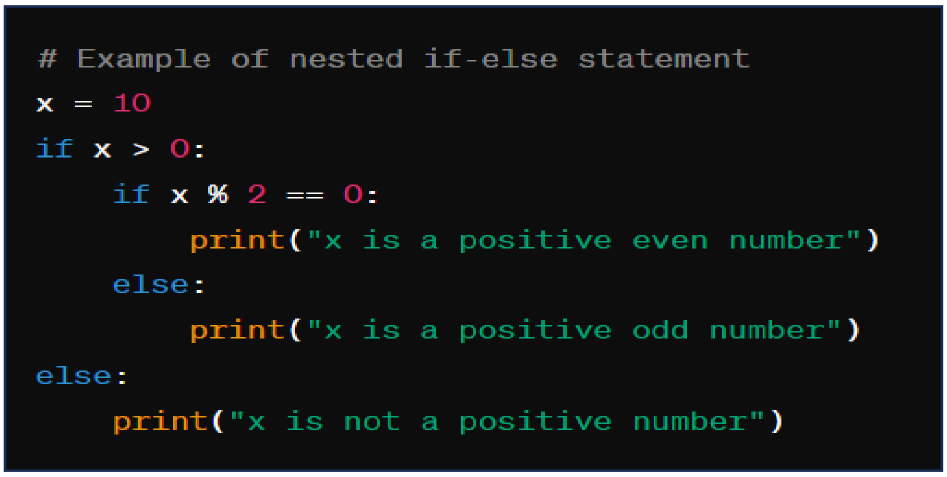

```python
# Example of nested if-else statement
x = 10
if x > 0:
    if x % 2 == 0:
        print("x is a positive even number")
    else:
        print("x is a positive odd number")
else:
    print("x is not a positive number")
```

Explanation:

- The outer `if` statement checks if `x > 0`.
- If true, it enters the nested `if-else` block.
- The nested `if` statement checks if `x % 2 == 0` (i.e., if `x` is even).
- If true, it executes the first indented block of code (`print("x is a positive even number")`).
- If false, it executes the `else` statement's indented block of code (`print("x is a positive odd number")`).
- If the outer `if` condition is false, the `else` statement's indented block of code (`print("x is not a positive number")`) is executed.