

# Basics of Programming with Python\*

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# Expressions

- **expression:** A data value or set of operations to compute a value.

Examples:  $1 + 4 * 3$

- Arithmetic operators we will use:

$+$   $-$   $*$   $/$

addition, subtraction/negation, multiplication, division

$\%$

modulus, a.k.a. remainder

$**$

exponentiation

- **precedence:** Order in which operations are computed.

- $*$   $/$   $\%$   $**$  have a higher precedence than  $+$   $-$

$1 + 3 * 4$  is 13

- Parentheses can be used to force a certain order of evaluation.

$(1 + 3) * 4$  is 16

# Operators

- When we divide integers with `/`, the quotient is also an integer.
  - examples:
    - `35 / 5` is `7`
    - `84 / 10` is `8`
    - `156 / 100` is `1`
- The `%` operator computes the remainder from a division of integers.
- `84 % 10 = ?`
- The operators `+` `-` `*` `/` `%` `**` `()` all work for real numbers.
  - The `/` produces an exact answer: `15.0 / 2.0` is `7.5`
  - The same rules of precedence also apply to real numbers:  
Evaluate `()` before `*` `/` `%` before `+` `-`
- When integers and reals are mixed, the result is a real number.

# Math commands

- Python has useful commands for performing calculations.

Command name	Description
<code>abs (<b>value</b>)</code>	absolute value
<code>ceil (<b>value</b>)</code>	rounds up
<code>cos (<b>value</b>)</code>	cosine, in radians (not degree)
<code>floor (<b>value</b>)</code>	rounds down
<code>log (<b>value</b>)</code>	logarithm, base e
<code>log10 (<b>value</b>)</code>	logarithm, base 10
<code>max (<b>value1</b>, <b>value2</b>)</code>	larger of two values
<code>min (<b>value1</b>, <b>value2</b>)</code>	smaller of two values
<code>round (<b>value</b>)</code>	nearest whole number
<code>sin (<b>value</b>)</code>	sine, in radians
<code>sqrt (<b>value</b>)</code>	square root

# Variables

- **variable:** A named piece of memory that can store a value.
- **assignment statement:** Stores a value into a variable.
  - Syntax:

***name*** = ***value***

- Examples: `x = 5`

`gpa = 3.14`

`x      5                      gpa      3.14`

- A variable that has been given a value can be used in expressions.

`x + 4` is 9

# print

- print : Produces text output on the console.
- Syntax:
  - print (*"Message"*)
  - print (*Expression*)
  - Prints the given text message or expression value on the console, and moves the cursor down to the next line.
- print (*Item1, Item2, ..., ItemN*)
- Prints several messages and/or expressions on the same line.
- Examples:
  - print ("Hello, world!")
  - age = 45
  - print ("You have", 65 - age, "years until retirement")

Output:

```
Hello, world!
You have 20 years until retirement
```

# input

- `input` : Reads a number from user input.
  - You can assign (store) the result of `input` into a variable.
  - Example:  
**Syntax: `X = input()`**

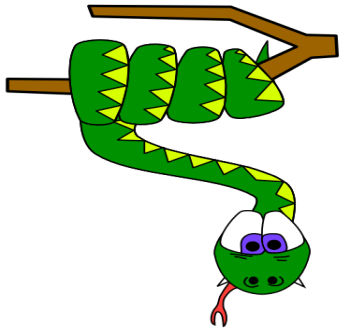
```
age = input()
```

```
print ("Your age is",age)
```

Output:

```
How old are you? 53  
Your age is 53
```





# Repetition (loops) and Selection (if/else)

# The for loop

- **for loop:** Repeats a set of statements over a group of values. Syntax:

```
for variableName in groupOfValues:  
    statements
```

- We indent the statements to be repeated with tabs or spaces.
  - **variableName** gives a name to each value, so you can refer to it in the **statements**.
  - **groupOfValues** can be a range of integers, specified with the `range` function.
- The `range` function specifies a range of integers:
    - `range(start, stop)` - the integers between **start** (inclusive) and **stop** (exclusive)
  - It can also accept a third value specifying the change between values.
    - `range(start, stop, step)` - the integers between **start** (inclusive) and **stop** (exclusive) by **step**
  - Example:

```
for x in range(5, 0, -1):  
    print (x)  
print ("Next!")
```

Output:

```
5  
4  
3  
2  
1  
Next!
```

# if/else

- **if/else statement:** Executes one block of statements if a certain condition is True

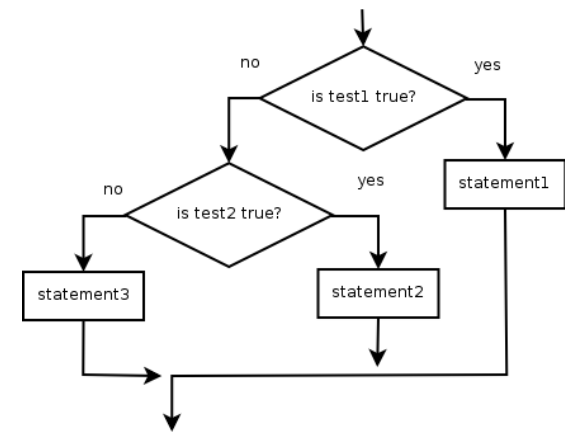
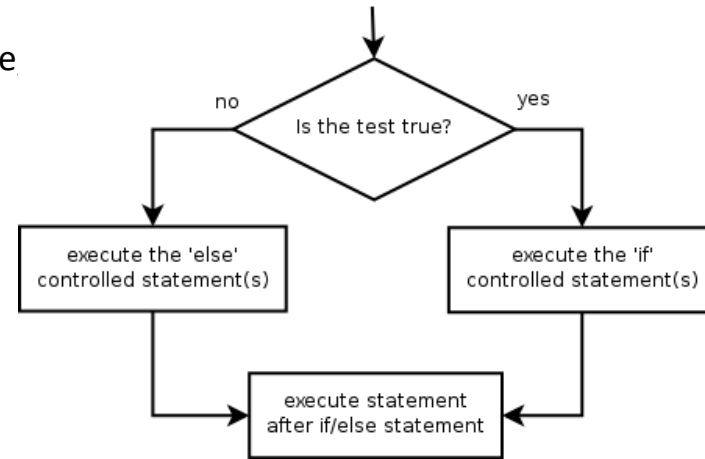
- Syntax:  
if **condition**:  
    **statements**  
else:  
    **statements**

- Example:

```
gpa = 1.4
if gpa > 2.0:
    print "Welcome to Mars University!"
else:
    print "Your application is denied."
```

- Multiple conditions can be chained with `elif` ("else if"):

```
if condition:
    statements
elif condition:
    statements
else:
    statements
```



# while

- **while loop:** Executes a group of statements as long as a condition is True.
  - good for *indefinite loops* (repeat an unknown number of times)

- Syntax:

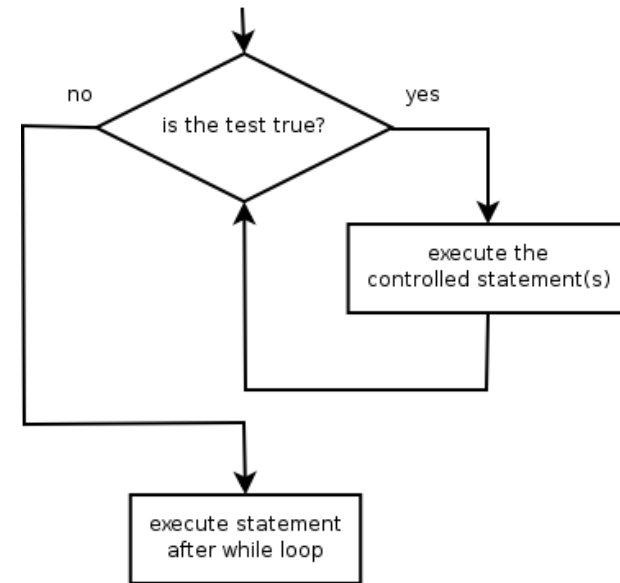
```
while condition:  
    statements
```

- Example:

```
number = 1  
while number < 200:  
    print number,  
    number = number * 2
```

- Output:

1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128

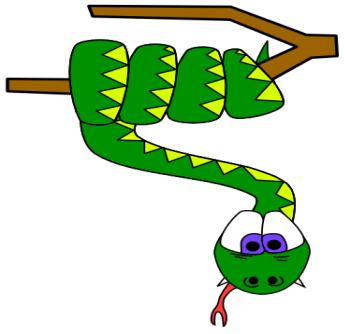


# Logic

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result
==	equals	1 + 1 == 2	True
!=	does not equal	3.2 != 2.5	True
<	less than	10 < 5	False
>	greater than	10 > 5	True
<=	less than or equal to	126 <= 100	False
>=	greater than or equal to	5.0 >= 5.0	True

Operator	Example	Result
and	9 != 6 and 2 < 3	True
or	2 == 3 or -1 < 5	True
not	not 7 > 0	False

- Logical expressions can be combined with *logical operators*:



# Text and File Processing

# Strings

- **string:** A sequence of text characters in a program.
  - Strings start and end with quotation mark " or apostrophe ' characters.
  - Examples:

```
"hello"  
"This is a string"  
"This, too, is a string.    It can be very long!"
```
- A string may not span across multiple lines or contain a " character.

```
"This is not  
a legal String."  
"This is not a "legal" String either."
```
- A string can represent characters by preceding them with a backslash.
  - \t tab character
  - \n new line character
  - \" quotation mark character
  - \\ backslash character
  - Example: "Hello\tthere\nHow are you?"

# Indexes

- Characters in a string are numbered with *indexes* starting at 0:

- Example:

name = "P. Diddy"

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
character	P	.		D	i	d	d	y

- Accessing an individual character of a string:

***variableName*** [ ***index*** ]

- Example:

- name= "Jean"

print name, "starts with", **name**[0]

Output:

Jean starts with J



# String properties

- `len(string)` - number of characters in a string  
(including spaces)
- `str.lower(string)` - lowercase version of a string
- `str.upper(string)` - uppercase version of a string
- `str.replace('c1', 'c2')` - replace a character by another
- `Str[n1:n2]` - gets "slices" of a string: `str[0: 3]`

- Example:

```
name = "Jean Alice"  
length = len(name) - 1  
short_name = str.upper(name)  
print (short_name, "has", length , "characters")
```

Output ?

# Text processing

- **text processing:** Examining, editing, formatting text.
  - often uses loops that examine the characters of a string one by one
- A `for` loop can examine each character in a string in sequence.
  - Example:  

```
for c in "booyah": print (c)
```

Output?

`text.count('n')` gives the number of occurrence of n in the text
- `ord(text)` - converts a string into a number.
  - Example: `ord("a")` is 97, `ord("b")` is 98, ...
  - Characters map to numbers using standardized mappings such as *ASCII* and *Unicode*.
- `chr(number)` - converts a number into a string.
  - Example: `chr(99)` is "c"

# File processing

- Many programs handle data, which often comes from files.
- Reading the entire contents of a file:

```
variableName = open ("filename") .read()
```

Example:

```
file_text = open("bankaccount.txt").read()
```

# Line-by-line processing

- Reading a file line-by-line:

```
for line in open("filename").readlines():  
    statements
```

Example:

```
count = 0
```

```
for line in open("BA.txt").readlines():
```

```
    count = count + 1
```

```
print "The file contains", count, "lines."
```

common explicit methods (`read`, `readline`, and `readlines`) to read in data from a file.

The `read` method will read in all the data into one text string.

`readline` which is a useful way to only read in individual line incremental amounts at a time and return them as strings.

The last explicit method, `readlines`, will read all the lines of a file and return them as a list of strings.