## Data Structures & Programmatic Thinking

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## Plan for today

Boolean expressions

**Functions** 

Conditional execution

#### **Functions**

Functions are sequences of instructions that we store to be executed later

#### Calling functions

The syntax for calling functions is the following:

function\_name(parameter1, parameter2)

# Calling functions

## Declaring functions

We can declare our own functions using the def keyword with the following syntax:

```
def function_name(parameter1, parameter2):
    #function body
```

### Declaring functions

When creating a function we need to indent the body. Then we will need to de-indent it to denote the end of the body

```
def function_name(parameter1, parameter2):
    #function body
```

# Creating functions

## Returning values from functions

Functions in Python can return values after doing all the operations they perform.

## Returning values from functions

### Functions can have parameters

Parameters are values that are injected to the function body when we call it

## Functions can have parameters

#### Boolean operations

We're going to learn two kinds of operators that operate on booleans Comparision and logical operators.

Boolean operations are useful for conditional execution.

### Comparision operators

name	$description \backslash$
x == y	x is equal to y
x != y	x is not equal to y
x > y	x is greater than y
x < y	x is lesser than y
x >= y	x is greater than or equal than y
x <= y	x is lesser than or equal than y
x is y	x is the same as y
x is not y	x is not the same as y

## Comparision operators

# Logical operators

name	description
x and y x or y not x	returns True if x and y are true returns True if either x or y are true negates $x$

# Logical operators

#### Conditional execution

Almost all useful programs need to be able to check conditions and change its behaviour accordingly. That's what conditional execution provides.

#### Conditional execution

#### If statement

the if statement is the tool we use for conditional execution in  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Python}}$ 

```
if <condition>:
     <body>
```

### If statement

#### Else clause

The else clause is executed when the condition is evaluated to false:

```
if <condition>:
     <block>
else:
     <block>
```

#### Else clause

#### Elif clause

Elif clauses are used when there are more possibilities:

### Elif clause

#### Recap

Create functions with def. Return to produce a value at the end

Combine comparision & logical operators to check the conditions you need

Use if, else, elif for conditional execution

#### **Exercises**

- Create a function ~weekly\_commute\_time~ that asks the user their daily commute time and returns their weekly time spent commuting.
- 2. What do the following expressions return?
  - 1. ~True or 11 > 34~
  - 2.  $\sim$ False and (1 == 1) $\sim$
  - 3.  $\sim$ (77 // 11) > 6 and False $\sim$
- 3. Create a function ~area\_triangle~ that takes the base and height of a triangle and returns its area
- 4. Create function ~area\_triangle\_rectangle~ that takes the base, height, and the kind of shape and calculates its area. It should work for both triangles and rectangles.