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Python Notes For Professionals.pdf – this is the book we follow

<https://docs.python.org>

https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_conditions.asp

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Conditionals

Conditional expressions, involving keywords such as `if`, `elif`, and `else`, provide Python programs with the ability to perform different actions depending on a boolean condition: `True` or `False`. This section covers the use of Python conditionals, **boolean logic**

Python Conditions and If statements

Python supports the usual logical conditions from mathematics:

- Equals: `a == b`
- Not Equals: `a != b`
- Less than: `a < b`
- Less than or equal to: `a <= b`
- Greater than: `a > b`
- Greater than or equal to: `a >= b`

These conditions can be used in several ways, most commonly in "if statements" and loops.

An "if statement" is written by using the if keyword.

If

```
a = 33
b = 200
if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
```

output
b is greater than a

Ifelse

```
a = 33
b = 20
if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
else:
    print("a is greater")
```

if, elif, and else

In Python you can define a **series of conditionals** using **if** for the first one, **elif** for the rest, up until the final (optional) **else** for **anything not caught by the other conditionals**.

```
number = 5
```

```
if number > 2:
    print("Number is bigger than 2")
elif number < 2:
    print("number is smaller than 2")
else:
    print("Number is 2")
```

output
Number is bigger than 2

if, elif, elif and else

number = 5

```
if number < 3:
    print("Number is bigger than 2")
elif number < 4:
    print("number is smaller than 2")
elif number > 4:
    print("Number is greater than 4")
else:
    print("Number is 5")
```

```
output
Number is greater than 4
number = 5
```

```
=====
```

If condition can be given inside else

```
number = 5

if number < 2:
    print("Number is bigger than 2")
elif number < 3:
    print("number is smaller than 2")
else:
    if number > 3.5:
        print("Number greater")
```

```
output
Number greater
```

```
=====
```

Using **else if** (in JAVA) instead of **elif** will trigger a syntax error and is not allowed.

```
=====
```

Truth Values

The following values are considered **falsey**, in that they evaluate to **False** when applied to a boolean operator.

- None
- False
- 0, or any numerical value equivalent to zero, for example 0L, 0.0, 0j
- Empty sequences: '', '', (), []
- Empty mappings: {}
- User-defined types where the `__bool__` or `__len__` methods return 0 or **False**

All other values in Python evaluate to **True**.

```
=====
if True:
    print("Yes")
if False:
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to
this line")
```


output

Yes

=====

```
if None:
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to this
line")
```

=====

```
if 1:
    print("Yes")
if 0:
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to this
line")
```

output

Yes

=====

```
if [3,4,5]:
    print("Yes")
if []:
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to this
line")
```

```
if (5,6):
    print("Yes")
if ():
```

```
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to this  
line")
```

```
if {7,8,}:  
    print("Yes")
```

```
if {}:  
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to this  
line")
```

=====

```
if 'abc':  
    print("Yes")
```

```
if "":  
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to this line")
```

```
if " ":  
    print("It will print, since the string has a space")
```

```
if "Data Science":  
    print("Yes")
```

```
if "":
```

```
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to  
this line")
```

```
if 5-5:  
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to  
this line")
```

=====

```
if 0.0:  
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to  
this line")
```

```
if 1j:  
    print("Yes")
```

```
if 0j:  
    print("it does not print and execution does not come to  
this line")
```

=====

Note: A common mistake is to simply check for the Falseness of an operation which returns different Falsey values where the difference matters. For example, using `if foo()` rather than the more explicit `if foo() is None`

```
def foo():  
    return " some string"
```

```
if foo():  
    print("print something")
```

output

print something

=====

```
def foo():  
    return ""
```

```
if foo():  
    print("print something")
```

```
def foo():  
    return None
```

```
if foo():  
    print("this line does not execute") #None becomes Falsey
```

```
def foo():  
    return True
```

```
if foo():  
    print("this line will execute")
```

```
-----  
def foo():  
    return False  
if foo():  
    print("this line does not execute")  
  
=====
```

Boolean Logic Expressions

Boolean logic expressions, in addition to evaluating to **True** or **False**, return the value that was interpreted as **True** or **False**. It is Pythonic way to represent logic that might otherwise require an if-else test.

```
def foo():  
    return None  
  
if foo():#they calling the foo()in if statement  
    print("this line does not execute")  
-----
```

```
def foo():
    return True

if foo():
    print("this line will execute")
-----
def foo():
    return False
if foo():
    print("this line does not execute")
```

And operator

The **and** operator evaluates all expressions and **returns the last expression** if all expressions evaluate to **True**. Otherwise it returns the first value that evaluates to **False**:

```
print(1 and 2 and 3 and 4) # 4
print(1 and 2 and 3) # 3
print(1 and 2 and 0 and 4) # 0
print(1 and 2 and [] and 4) # []
```

```
print(1 and 2 and -5 and 4 and 5 and {}) # {}, note, -5 is value
```

```
print(1 and {} and [] and 4) #{}// it returns the first  
occurrence of the False
```

```
=====
```

```
print(2 and "Data Science") #Data Science  
print(2 and "Data Science" and "AI") # AI  
print(" " and "Py" and "")  
print(" " and "Py" and " ")
```

```
print("" and "Py") #"" // we will not be able to view ""
```

```
-----
```

```
a = "" and "Py"  
print(repr(a)) # ""
```

The `repr()` function returns a printable representation of the given object.

```
a = " " and "Linda" and " "  
print(a)  
print(repr(a))  
output
```

```
''
```

```
a = " " and "Linda" and " " and None and []  
print(a)  
print(repr(a))
```

=====

Or operator

The **or** operator evaluates the expressions left to right and returns the **first value that evaluates to True** or the last value (if none are **True**).

```
print(1 or 2) #1  
print(0 or 2) #2  
print(None or 5) #5  
print(False or 6) #6  
print(True or False) #True  
print(False or True) #True  
print([] or True) #True  
print([] or 0 or {}) #{} # takes the last False  
print([] or "ABC" or {22}) #ABC (Takes first True  
value)
```



```
print(None or None) # it takes the last None  
print(0 or {} or [])#[] ..it takes the last false
```

```
print(0 or (10-10) or "BB") #BB
```

```
print( [] or 0 or {})#  
print([] or "ABC" or {22})#  
print(False or False or True)  
print(None or 0j or True)  
print(None or {} or 0j)
```

```
-----  
print(("Tamil" or "English") and ("England" or "Australia"))  
print("Tamil" and "England")
```

```
-----  
print("Sir" and {False} and 56)  
print("Sir" and False and 56)  
  
print("Sir" and {False} and 56)# Set . this code is equal to ("Sir" and {0} and 56)# Set  
print("Sir" and [False] and 56)#List
```

```
print("Sir" and (False) and 56) #Tuple (Warning: Tuple is immutable
```

```
print(True + True)
print(False + True)
print(False + False)
```

Lazy evaluation

When you use this approach, remember that the **evaluation is lazy**. Expressions that are not required to be evaluated to **determine the result are not evaluated**. For example:

```
def print_me():
    print("I am here")
```

```
0 and print_me()
```

output

Note: it does not call the `print_me()`. Because the expression starts with 0 (zero) that stands for False

What circumstances can we use?

In the above example, **print_me** is never executed because Python can determine the entire expression is False when it encounters the 0 (False). Keep this in mind if print_me needs to execute to serve your program logic.

```
def print_me():  
    print("I am here")
```

```
1 or print_me() # the fn will not be called  
print_me() or 1 # the fn will be called
```

Another example to NOT call the fn. we converted the print_me() as string. Now the last value 5 will be printed

```
def print_me():  
    print("I am here")
```

```
print(1 and 2 and "print_me()" and 5)
```

```
>>5
```

=====

See some more ex(Melcose)

```
def print_me():  
    print("I am here")
```

return False

```
print(1 and 2 and print_me() and 10)
```

output

I am here

False

Note: the fn is called / result is printed. And the return value also printed. Since the return value is false, it gives first False value

```
def print_me():  
    print("I am here")  
    return True
```

```
print(1 and 2 and print_me() and 10)
```

output

I am here

10

Note: the fn is called and printed the result. Since it is True, it goes and check the next value (ie 10). Now all values become True. Therefore, it gives the last value in the expression .

How None works

```
def print_me():  
    print("I am here")
```

```
print(1 and 2 and print_me() and 10)
```

output

I am here

None

Note: here the fn is called and printed. This fn does not return anything. So by default the return type is None. The None is returned to the expression. Since None stands for False, the expression shows the false value, here the false value is None. So we get None
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Testing for multiple conditions

A common mistake when **checking for multiple conditions** is to apply the logic incorrectly.

This example is trying to check if two variables are each greater than 2. The statement is evaluated as - **if** (a) **and** (b > 2). This produces an unexpected result because **bool**(a) evaluates as **True** when a is not zero.

```
a = 1
b = 6
```

```
if a and b > 2:
    print("Yes")
else:
    print("No")
```

output

Yes

Note: but this output is NOT right.

=====

Each variable needs to be compared separately. See below

```
a = 1
b = 6
```

```
if a > 2 and b > 2:
    print("Yes")
else:
    print("No")
```

output

No #this is the right output

=====

Another, similar, mistake is made when checking if a variable is one of multiple values. The statement in this example is evaluated as - `if (a == 3) or (4) or (6)`. This produces an unexpected result because `bool(4)` and `bool(6)` each evaluate to `True`

```
a = 1
if a == 3 or 4 or 6:
    print("Yes")
else:
    print("No")
```

Output

Yes

Note: but this output is not right.

=====

Again each comparison must be made separately

```
a = 1
if a == 3 or a == 4 or a == 6:
    print("Yes")
else:
    print("No")
```

output

No

Note

The above pgm is written as below

```
a = 1
```

```
if False or False or False:
```

```
    print("Yes")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("No")
```

output

No

=====

Using the **in** operator is the canonical way to write this. (using membership operator)

```
a = 1
```

```
if a in (3, 4, 6):
```

```
    print("Yes")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("No")
```

```
>>>No
```

=====

Else statement

```
if True:
    print("it prints")
else:
    print("it does not print")
```

```
if False:
    print("it prints")
else:
    print("it DOES print")
```

=====

Note: Try with 'not' (not True / not False). We get the opposite result of the above

Testing if an object is None and assigning it

You'll often want to assign something to an object if it is **None**, indicating it has not been assigned. We'll use aDate.

The simplest way to do this is to use the **is None** test.

```
marks = None
if marks is None:
    marks = 35
print(marks)
# -----
```

```
import datetime
aDate = None
if aDate is None:
    aDate =datetime.datetime.now()
print(aDate)
```

(Note that it is more Pythonic to say **is None** instead of **== None**.)

But this can be optimized slightly by exploiting the notion that **not None** will evaluate to **True** in a boolean expression. The following code is equivalent:

```
import datetime
aDate = None
if not aDate is None:
    aDate =datetime.datetime.now()
    print(aDate)
```

no output

```
import datetime
aDate = None
if not aDate is not None:
```

```
aDate=datetime.datetime.now()
print(aDate)
```

There is an output

```
-----
import datetime
aDate = None # None means False
if not aDate: # here we convert the None to True by
adding 'not'
    aDate=datetime.datetime.now()
    print(aDate)
```

output

2020-10-31 00:36:23.329926

=====

But there is a more Pythonic way. The following code is also equivalent:

```
import datetime
aDate = None
aDate = aDate or datetime.date.today()
print(aDate)
```

output

2020-10-31

=====

(the above) This does a **Short Circuit evaluation**. If aDate is initialized and is not None, then it gets assigned to itself with no net effect. If it is None, then the `datetime.date.today()` gets assigned to aDate

```
import datetime
aDate = not None
aDate = aDate or datetime.date.today()
print(aDate)
```

output

True

=====