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## Boolean Logic

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# Outline

## 1. Boolean Logic

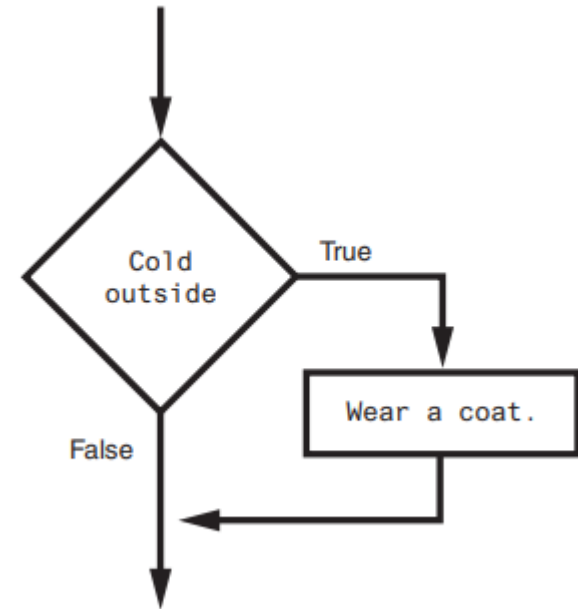
- and
- or
- not

## 2. Short-circuit evaluation

- OR stops at first True
- AND stops at first False

## 3. Conditions (aka Branching)

- if
- if .. else
- if – elif
- if – elif – elif – else
- Nested if conditions



# Operators

Python divides the operators in the following groups:

Type	Notes
Arithmetic Operators	+ - * % / // **
Assignment operators	=
Comparison operators	==, !=, >, <, >=, <=
Logical operators	and, or, not
Identity operators	
Membership operators	
Bitwise operators	

# Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Name	Example
+	Addition	$x + y$
-	Subtraction	$x - y$
*	Multiplication	$x * y$
/	Division	$x / y$
%	Modulus	$x \% y$
**	Exponentiation	$x ** y$
//	Floor division	$x // y$

# Assignment Operators



Only assignment operator you need to know is = (equals to sign).

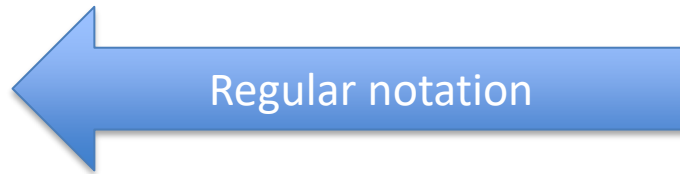
```
>>> age = 17
>>> print(age)
17
>>> age = age + 1
>>> print (age)
18
```

# Assignment Operators (Short-hand notation)

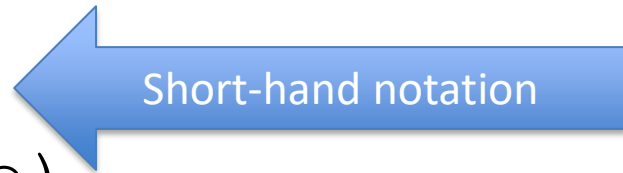
Python also supports short-hand notation for the assignments.

```
>>> age = 17  
>>> print (age)  
17
```

```
>>> age = age + 1  
>>> print (age)  
18
```



```
>>> age += 1  
>>> print (age)  
19  
>>>
```



I recommend using the regular notation in this course. Even though it involves a couple of extra key strokes, it is easy to read.

# Assignment Operators (Short-hand notation)

Operator	Example	Same As
=	x = 5	x = 5
+=	x += 3	x = x + 3
-=	x -= 3	x = x - 3
*=	x *= 3	x = x * 3
/=	x /= 3	x = x / 3
%=	x %= 3	x = x % 3
//=	x //= 3	x = x // 3
**=	x **= 3	x = x ** 3




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# Comparison Operators

Comparison Operators are used to compare two values.  
And the result is always a Boolean value (True or False).

Operator	Name	Example
==	Equal	x == y
!=	Not equal	x != y
>	Greater than	x > y
<	Less than	x < y
>=	Greater than or equal to	x >= y
<=	Less than or equal to	x <= y





# Comparison Operators (Examples)

Comparison Operators are used to compare two values.  
And the result is always a Boolean value (True or False).

```
>>> a=100
>>> b=10
>>> c=100
```

```
>>> a==b
False
>>> a!=b
True
>>> b!=a
True
>>> b==a
False
>>> a>b
True
>>> b>a
False
```

```
>>> a<b
False
>>> b>a
False
>>> a>=b
True
>>> a<=b
False
>>> a>=c
True
>>> a<=c
True
```

```
>>> a > 87
True
>>> a < 999
True
>>> 67 < 90
True
>>> 67 > 90
False
>>> 789 * 764 < 568 * 987
False
>>> a + b < b - c
False
>>> a * b == b * c
True
```

# Comparison Operators (Comparing Strings)

You can also use comparison operators to compare strings.

Strings are compared based on the **lexicographical (dictionary)** order.

```
>>> "hello" == "hola!"  
False  
>>> "hello" < "hola"  
True  
>>> "hello" < "holaaaaaaaa"  
True  
>>> "a" < "z"  
True  
>>> "a" < "A"  
False  
>>> "mumbai" != "madras"  
True
```

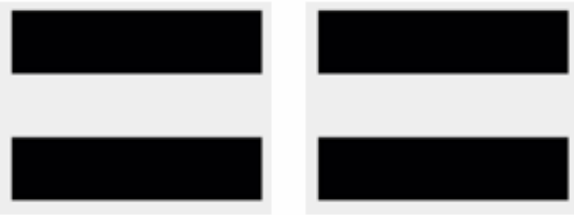
# Comparison Operators: One caution

## Equals To vs Double Equals To



Assigns a value; Assignment Operator;

Example: `a = 10`



Equality (Comparison) Operator; Compares two values

Example: `a == 10`

```
>>> x = 100
>>> if (x == 100):
        print("Hey! Century!")|
```

```
Hey! Century!
```

```
>>> if (x=100):
```

```
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

```
>>>
```

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# Logical Operators

Logical operators (and or not) are used to combine conditional statements:

$x = 4$

Operator	Description	Example
and	Returns True if both statements are true	$x < 5$ and $x < 10$
or	Returns True if one of the statements is true	$x < 5$ or $x < 4$
not	Reverse the result, returns False if the result is true	<code>not(<math>x &lt; 5</math> and <math>x &lt; 10</math>)</code>

# AND

When both conditions are true, the combined condition is true.

When one of the conditions is false, then the combined condition is false.

A = 10

B = 5

(A < B) and (B < A) → False

False and True

(A == 10) → True

(B == 5) → True

(A == 10) and (B == 5) → True

A < 15 → True

A < 5 → False

(A < 15) and (A < 5) → False

(A == B) → False

(B >= A) → False

(A == B) and (B >= A) → False

# OR

If one of the conditions is TRUE, then the whole condition is TRUE  
If both the conditions are FALSE, then the whole condition is False.

A = 10

B = 5

A < B False

B < A True

(A < B) or (B < A) → False or True → True

(A == 10) → True

(B == 5) → True

(A == 10) or (B == 5) → True or True → True

A < 15 → True

A < 5 → False

(A < 15) or (A < 5) → True or False → True

(A == B) → False

(B >= A) → False

(A == B) or (B >= A) → False or False → False

# NOT

Opposite of True is False  
 $\text{not (True)} = \text{False}$

Opposite of False is True  
 $\text{not (False)} = \text{True}$

$A = 10$   
 $B = 5$

$(A == 10) \rightarrow \text{True}$   
 $\text{not (A == 10)}$   
 $\text{not (True)} \rightarrow \text{False}$

$B == 5 \rightarrow \text{True}$   
 $\text{not (B == 5)} \rightarrow \text{False}$

$B > 6 \rightarrow \text{False}$   
 $\text{not (B > 6)} \rightarrow \text{True}$

$A == 20 \rightarrow \text{False}$   
 $B == 5 \rightarrow \text{True}$

$(A == 20) \text{ or } (B == 5) \rightarrow \text{False or True} \rightarrow \text{True}$

$\text{not } ((A == 20) \text{ or } (B == 5)) \rightarrow \text{False}$

$\text{not (not } ((A == 20) \text{ or } (B == 5))) \rightarrow \text{True}$

# Logical Operators (Example 1)

Logical operators (and or not) are used to combine conditional statements:

```
>>> number_1 = 100
>>> number_2 = 10
>>> (number_1 == 100) and (number_2 == 10)
True
>>> (number_1 == 100) and (number_2 == 100)
False

>>> (number_1 == 100) or (number_2 == 100)
True
>>> (number_1 == 90) or (number_2 == 10)
True

>>> not((number_1 == 100) and (number_2 == 100))
True
>>> not((number_1 == 100) and (number_2 == 10))
False
```



# Logical Operators (Example 2)

Logical operators (and or not) are used to combine conditional statements:

```
>>> day = "Saturday"
```

```
>>> day == "Saturday"
```

```
True
```

```
>>> (day == "Saturday") or (day == "sat") or (day == "SAT") or (day == "SATURDAY")
```

```
True
```

```
>>> day = "SAT"
```

```
>>> (day == "Saturday") or (day == "sat") or (day == "SAT") or (day == "SATURDAY")
```

```
True
```

```
>>> day= "asjdflas"
```

```
>>> (day == "Saturday") or (day == "sat") or (day == "SAT") or (day == "SATURDAY")
```

```
False
```

# Logical Operators (Coding Convention)

Use parenthesis ( ) to group mini-expressions for readability and clarity.

```
>>> day = "SAT"
```

```
>>> (day == "Saturday") or (day == "sat")  
or (day == "SAT") or (day == "SATURDAY")
```

True

```
>>> day == "Saturday" or day == "sat" or  
day == "SAT" or day == "SATURDAY"
```

True



# Logical Operators and Truth Table

You can combine Booleans using the logical operators

A	B	A AND B	A OR B	NOT A
False	False			
False	True			
True	False			
True	True			



# Summary: What did we learn today?

1. True or False
2. Boolean Logic