

>>>> Day 2:

Understanding `if __name__ == "__main__":` vs Direct Code Execution

♦ 1. Without `if __name__ == "__main__":`

📖 Example:

```
def celsius_to_fahrenheit(c):  
    return (c * 9/5) + 32  
  
temp_celsius = float(input("Enter temperature in Celsius: "))  
print("Temperature in Fahrenheit:",  
      celsius_to_fahrenheit(temp_celsius))
```

📖 Meaning:

- Code runs **immediately** when the file is executed **or imported**.
- No control — everything executes automatically.

⚠️ Drawbacks:

- If this file is imported into another Python file, it will **still take input** or **run prints**, which can cause errors or confusion.

✅ Use When:

- Writing **small one-time scripts** that will **never be imported**.
 - Quick testing or learning purpose only.
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♦ 2. With `if __name__ == "__main__":`

🖥 Example:

```
def celsius_to_fahrenheit(c):  
    return (c * 9/5) + 32  
  
def fahrenheit_to_celsius(f):  
    return (f - 32) * 5/9  
  
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    temp_celsius = float(input("Enter temperature in Celsius: "))  
    print("Temperature in Fahrenheit:",  
celsius_to_fahrenheit(temp_celsius))
```

📖 Meaning:

- The code inside this block runs **only when this file is executed directly**, not when imported.
- Functions or classes defined above are **always available for import**.

🧩 How it works:

- Every Python file has a built-in variable `__name__`.
- When you run the file directly → `__name__ = "__main__"`.
- When you import the file → `__name__ = "filename"` (not `"__main__"`).

✅ Advantages:

- Prevents unwanted code execution when importing.
- Makes code **modular**, **clean**, and **reusable**.
- Commonly used in professional and large Python projects.

✅ Use When:

- You want to make your file **reusable as a module**.
- Your file contains **functions/classes + some executable/test code**.

Summary Table

Feature	Without <code>if __name__ == "__main__":</code>	With <code>if __name__ == "__main__":</code>
Code runs on import	✓ Yes	✗ No
Good for reusable code	✗ No	✓ Yes
Used in large projects	✗ Rare	✓ Always
Suitable for small test scripts	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Imports only functions/classes	✗ No	✓ Yes

◆ 3. Using `{}` in `print()` (f-strings)

Example:

```
temp = 25

print(f"Temperature in Celsius: {temp}")
```

Meaning:

- Place variables inside `{}` in a string prefixed with `f`.
- No need for explicit `str()` conversion.
- Can include expressions directly (`{temp+5}`).

✓ Advantages:

- Modern, clean, and readable.
- Works well for **expressions inside print**.
- Recommended for Python 3.6+.

🔑 Final Takeaway:

- Use `if __name__ == "__main__":` for reusable code modules.
- Use f-strings `{}` in `print` for clean variable output.
- Avoid auto-running scripts outside `__main__` when importing.