

# Relational Operators

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**Definition:** Relational operators are used to **compare two values**. The result of a relational operation is always a **Boolean value** (True or False).

## Types of Relational Operators:

1. `==` → Equal to
2. `!=` → Not equal to
3. `>` → Greater than
4. `<` → Less than
5. `>=` → Greater than or equal to
6. `<=` → Less than or equal to

## Note:

1. For **single value data types** (like int, float, bool, str), comparison is done based on **value only**.
2. For **collection types** (like list, tuple, dict, set), comparison checks:
  - ▶ **Value**
  - ▶ **Data type**
  - ▶ **Order/Position** (except in sets and dictionaries)

**1.==(Equal to Operator):-** Used to check whether two values are **equal**.

**Syntax:-** `Operand1==Operand2`

## Examples:-

```
0 == 0.0      # True (int vs float but same value)
7 == 7.0      # True
[1,2,3] == (1,2,3) # False (list vs tuple)
'hai' == 'HAI'  # False (case-sensitive)
(1,2,3) == (1,3,2) # False (different order)
{1,2,3} == {1,3,2} # True (set is unordered)
{'a':10} == {'a':10} # True (same keys and values)
```

**2.!=(Not Equal to Operator):-** Used to Checks whether two values are not equal.

**Syntax:-** `Operand1!=Operand2`

## Example:-

```
10 != 10      # False
10 != 20      # True
[1,2] != [2,1] # True
'a' != 'A'     # True
(1,2) != (1,2) # False
```

**3.> (Greater Than):-** used to Checks if the left operand is greater than the right.

**Syntax:-** `Operand1>Operand2`

## Note:

- Python compares strings **character by character** using their **ASCII values**.

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Example:-

```
10 > 5      #Output:- True
5 > 10      #Output:- False
'a' > 'A'    # Output:-True (based on ASCII)
[2,3] > [1,5] #Output:- True (compares element-wise)
```

```
hai > 'hello' #Output:-False
(2+3j) > 2
```

Output:-Traceback (most recent call last):

```
File "<pyshell#1>", line 1, in <module>
(2+3j) > 2
```

TypeError: '>' not supported between instances of 'complex' and 'int'

```
(2+3j) > (1+1j) #Output:- Error
```

```
'python' > 'abc'      #Output:-True
'ABC' > 'abc'         #Output:-False
'abcdef' > 'abcdem'   #Output:-False
[10,20,30] > [10,20,30] #Output:-False
[1,2,3,4] > [1,2,3,4] #Output:-False
[100,7,3] > [23,1000,200,500] #Output:-True
(1,2,3,4) > (1,2,3)   #Output:-True
{10,20,30,40} > {1,2,3} #Output:-False
```

Rule

Collection1 > Collection2  
Val1,val2,val3...>v1,v2,v3  
If Val1 >v1 ----->True  
If val1<v1----->False  
If val1==v1----->then it goes to  
compare other values  
✧ When we use the **greater than (>)**  
**operator** between two collections  
(like lists or tuples), Python **compares**  
**elements one by one**, in order, from  
left to right.

#### Note 1: Dictionary and Complex Number Comparisons

"In case of dictionary and complex it not possible, it will give the error as output."

Explanation:

- Python does **not allow comparison** like >, < between:
  - Dictionaries:** e.g., {'a': 10} > {'b': 20} → Error
  - Complex numbers:** e.g., (2+3j) > (1+2j) → Error

These comparisons raise a Type Error because Python doesn't define an ordering for these types.

#### Note 2: Set Comparisons Using >(great Ethan)

"In case of set, if all the values of 2nd collection are in 1st collection, it will give output as True. Otherwise, it will give False."

```
Examples:- {10,20,30,40} > {1,2,3}    #Output:-False
           {12,34,56,75} > {12,34}    # Output:-True
```

**4. < (Less Than):** Used to check if the left operand is smaller than the right operand.

**Syntax:-**Operand1 < Operand2

**Note:**

- Python compares strings **character by character** using their **ASCII values**.

**ASCII Values:**

- A-Z → 65-88
- a-z → 97-120

Examples:

```
10 < 5      # Output: False
5 < 10      # Output: True
'a' < 'A'    # Output: False (based on ASCII)
```

[2, 3] < [5, 6] # Output: **True** (compares element-wise)

'hai' < 'hello' # Output: **True**

(2+3j) < 2 # **Error (TypeError)**

(2+3j) < (1+1j) # **Error (TypeError)**

'python' < 'abc' # Output: **False**

'ABC' < 'abc' # Output: **True**

'abcdef' < 'abcdem' # Output: **True**

[10, 20, 30] < [10, 20, 30] # Output: **False**

[1, 2, 3, 4] < [1, 2, 3, 4] # Output: **False**

[100, 7, 3] < [1000, 200] # Output: **True**

(1, 2, 3) < (1, 2, 4) # Output: **True**

{10, 20, 30, 40} < {1, 2, 3} # Output: **False**

### Note 1: Dictionary and Complex Number Comparisons

In case of dictionary and complex, it is not possible. It will give an error as output.

#### Explanation:

Python **does not allow** comparisons like < or > between:

- **Dictionaries:**

{'a': 10} < {'b': 20} → **TypeError**

- **Complex Numbers:**

(2+3j) < (1+1j) → **TypeError**

### Note 2: Set Comparisons Using < (Less Than)

In case of sets, if all the values of the 1st collection are **not fully present** in the 2nd collection, output is **False**.

{10, 20, 30, 40} < {1, 2, 3} # Output: **False**

{12, 34} < {12, 34, 56, 75} # Output: **True**

### 5. <= (Less Than or Equal To):

Used to check if the **left operand is less than or equal to the right operand**.

**Syntax:-** Operand1 <= Operand2

#### Note:

- Python compares values **character by character** or **element by element** depending on the data type.
- For **strings**, comparisons are based on **ASCII values**.

#### ASCII Values of Characters:

- **A–Z** → 65–88
- **a–z** → 97–120

Example:-

10 <= 10 # Output: **True**

5 <= 10 # Output: **True**

15 <= 10 # Output: **False**

'a' <= 'A' # Output: **False** (ASCII of 'a'=97, 'A'=65)

'A' <= 'a' # Output: **True**

[2, 3] <= [2, 3] # Output: **True**

[1, 2, 3] <= [1, 2, 4] # Output: **True**

[5, 6] <= [2, 3] # Output: **False**

```
'hai' <= 'hello'      # Output: True
'python' <= 'abc'      # Output: False
'ABC' <= 'abc'        # Output: True
'abcdef' <= 'abcdem'   # Output: True
```

```
(1, 2, 3) <= (1, 2, 3) # Output: True
(1, 2) <= (1, 2, 0)    # Output: True
(2, 3) <= (1, 2)       # Output: False
```

```
{1, 2} <= {1, 2, 3}    # Output: True
{1, 2, 3} <= {1, 2, 3} # Output: True
{1, 2, 3, 4} <= {1, 2, 3} # Output: False
```

#### Note 1: Dictionary and Complex Number Comparisons

In case of **dictionary** and **complex numbers**, it is not possible.  
Python will raise a **TypeError**.

#### Note 2: Set Comparisons Using <= (Less Than or Equal To)

In case of **sets**, A <= B returns **True** if all elements of set A are in set B.

- ❖ Returns **True** even if both sets are **equal** (not proper subset).
- ❖ Returns **False** if A has any element not in B.

#### 6. >= (Greater Than or Equal To):

Used to check if the **left operand is greater than or equal to the right operand**.

**Syntax: Operand1 >= Operand2**

Examples:-

```
10 >= 5      # Output: True
10 >= 10     # Output: True
5 >= 10      # Output: False
```

```
'a' >= 'A'    # Output: True (97 >= 65)
'abc' >= 'abc' # Output: True
'abc' >= 'abcd' # Output: False
```

```
[1, 2, 3] >= [1, 2, 3] # Output: True
[1, 2, 4] >= [1, 2, 3] # Output: True
[1, 2, 2] >= [1, 2, 3] # Output: False
```

```
'hello' >= 'hai'  # Output: True
'abc' >= 'ABC'    # Output: True
'Python' >= 'python' # Output: False
```

```
(1, 2, 3) >= (1, 2, 3) # Output: True
(1, 2, 4) >= (1, 2, 3) # Output: True
(1, 2, 1) >= (1, 2, 3) # Output: False
```

Note: it is not supported for complex and dictionary.

Note :it work like a greater than.

