

A dramatic mountain landscape with a sharp, rocky peak rising from a valley. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and mist or smoke rises from the mountain's base. The foreground shows a steep, brownish slope with some small structures and a path. The overall tone is moody and atmospheric.

CSCI 111: Introduction to Computer Science

Administrivia

Discord

- **Reminder:** If you haven't already, **please** make sure to join the class Discord server.
- **Why?:** This is where we'll communicate, share resources, and ask questions outside of class.



Runestone Academy Setup

- **Create an account** on Runestone Academy to access *How to Think Like a Computer Scientist*.
 - **Course Name:** `tolley_csci111_f24`
 - **Goal:** Start working through the book. We'll cover up to **Chapter 3** this week.

Reading Assignment Reminder

- **Don't forget** to read *Do Artifacts Have Politics?* and write your short response paragraph for **Wednesday's** discussion.

Variables, Expressions, and Statements

The Foundation of Programming

- **Variables:** Stores data.
 - Example: `x = 10`
- **Expressions:** Combine values and operators to create new values.
 - Example: `x + 5`
- **Statements:** Do something, like assigning a value.
 - Example: `y = x + 5`

Basic Arithmetic Operations

Let's revisit the usual suspects:

- **+** : Addition (*cake + more cake = happiness*)
- **-** : Subtraction (*paycheck - rent and bill = sadness*)
- ***** : Multiplication (*2 * pizza_slices = more pizza*)
- **/** : Division (*cake / 2 = less cake more sad*)
- **//** : **Integer Division** (*but what if you don't like cake crumbs?*)

Integer Division vs. Floating Point Division

- **Floating Point Division** (`/`): Gives you the exact answer (including decimals).
 - Example: `10 / 3 = 3.3333...`
- **Integer Division** (`//`): Only cares about the whole number part.
 - Example: `10 // 3 = 3`
- *Why use integer division?* When you only care about the whole part or are counting objects that can't be split (no half pizzas here).

When Would You Use Integer Division?

- **Scenarios:**

- Splitting items evenly among groups.
- Calculating how many complete sets of something fit.
- Breaking large problems into smaller chunks, e.g. batch processing.

- **Example:** How many teams of 4 can we form from 13 people?

```
teams = 13 // 4  
# teams = 3
```

Edge Cases with Integer Division

What if the result isn't a whole number?

- Integer division always rounds down, even if the result isn't a perfect whole number.

- Example:

```
13 // 4 = 3 # Left with 1 remainder  
13 / 4 = 3.25 # Floating-point result
```

- **Negative Numbers:** When negative numbers are involved, it rounds down toward negative infinity.

- Example:

```
-13 // 4 = -4 # Rounds down to -4  
-13 / 4 = -3.25 # Floating-point result
```

Modulo: The Remainder Specialist

Modulo (%): It's the remainder after division.

- Example

```
10 % 3 # Remainder is 1
```

- Real-World Use Cases: Checking if a number is even or odd:

```
if x % 2 == 0:  
    print("Even")  
else:  
    print("Odd")
```

- Rotating through a set of values (e.g., days of the week).

Modulo Edge Cases

What happens with negatives?

- Positive number % negative number:

```
10 % -3 = -2
```

- Negative number % positive number:

```
-10 % 3 = 2
```

- Why? Modulo gives you the "remainder" that would make the division round to the closest lower multiple of the divisor.

Negative Modulo

When dealing with negative numbers, things get a bit more nuanced

Negative Dividend:

- If the dividend (the number being divided) is negative, Python still returns a positive result as long as the divisor is positive.

Example:

```
-10 % 3 # Result: 2
```

Why?

- In this case, $-10 \div 3$ gives a quotient of -4 (rounding toward negative infinity), and $-4 * 3 = -12$.
So, the remainder is $-10 - (-12) = 2$

Negative Modulo

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Negative Divisor:

- If the divisor is negative, Python returns a result with the same sign as the divisor.

Example:

```
10 % -3 # Result: -2
```

Why?

- In this case, $10 \div -3$ gives a quotient of -4 , and $-4 * -3 = 12$. So, the remainder is $10 - 12 = -2$.

Negative Modulo

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Both Negative:

- When both the dividend and divisor are negative, the result is negative.

Example:

```
-10 % -3 # Result: -1
```

Why?

- Here, $-10 \div -3$ gives a quotient of 3 , and $3 * -3 = -9$. The remainder is $-10 - (-9) = -1$.

Integer Division + Modulo: A Power Couple

- **Fact:** You can use `//` and `%` to break down any division into "how many times" and "what's left over."
 - Example: `13 // 4 = 3` (three teams) and `13 % 4 = 1` (one person left over).
- **Think of it this way:** You split a group, and the remainder tells you who's hanging out alone.

Practice Problem: Integer Division and Modulo

You have 15 cookies, and you're splitting them among 4 friends.

1. How many cookies does each friend get?
 2. How many cookies are left over?
- Write a function:

```
def split_cookies(ARGUMENTS): # What arguments does our function take?  
    return RETURNVALUE # What do we return?
```

Real-World Use Case: Modulo for Days of the Week

- Imagine today is Wednesday (day 3 of the week).
- What day will it be in 10 days? (*Hint: Use modulo!*)
 - $(3 + 10) \% 7 = 6$ (*Saturday*).
- **Why?** Modulo wraps around the week (or any cycle).
- Useful in calendars, circular queues, game loops.

Debugging Integer Division & Modulo

- Common mistakes:
 - Forgetting that `//` always rounds down.
 - Misunderstanding how `%` handles negatives.
- **Pro Tip:** Test with edge cases (negative numbers, small values).
 - Example: `-5 % 3 = 1` (*Wait, what?*)

Closing Thoughts on Integer Division and Modulo

- Integer Division is your friend when you only care about whole numbers.
- Modulo helps you find what's leftover.
- Edge cases are where things get tricky (and interesting).

Functions

The Building Blocks of Reusable Code

- Functions let you encapsulate logic into reusable blocks.
- You can define a function once and call it many times.
- Functions can take input (parameters) and return output.
- Example: Writing and calling functions is like giving your code reusable instructions.

Defining a Simple Function

- Syntax of a function

- Example:

```
def function_name():  
    # Code goes here  
    # Return, if applicable, goes here
```

- A Simple Function:

```
def greet():  
    print("Hello, world!")
```

Calling a Function

- Functions are called by using their name followed by parentheses.
- Example:

```
greet() # Outputs: Hello, world!
```

Functions with Parameters

- Parameters allow you to pass values into a function.
- You can provide information to customize the output.
- Example:

```
def greet(name):  
    print(f"Hello, {name}!")
```

- Calling the function with a parameter:

```
greet("Alice") # Outputs: Hello, Alice!
```


What are Brackets in Functions?

- Brackets (`()` or `{}`) have special meaning in Python.
- Round brackets `()` are used to pass arguments or parameters to a function.
- Curly braces `{}` are used inside f-strings for string formatting.

```
name = "Alice"  
print(f"Hello, {name}!") # Inserts 'Alice' into the string
```

What is an f-string?

- f-strings (formatted strings) allow you to easily insert variables into strings.
- Place an f before the string and put variables inside curly braces `{}` .

```
age = 21
print(f"You are {age} years old.") # Outputs: You are 21 years old.
```

Returning a Value from a Function

- Functions can return data using the return keyword.
- Example:

```
def add(a, b):  
    return a + b
```

- You can store the returned result in a variable:

```
result = add(5, 3) # result is 8
```

Returning Multiple Values

- You can return multiple values from a function by separating them with commas.

- Example:

```
def divide_remainder(a, b):  
    quotient = a // b  
    remainder = a % b  
    return quotient, remainder
```

- Calling the function:

```
q, r = divide_remainder(10, 3)  
print(f"Quotient: {q}, Remainder: {r}") # Outputs: Quotient: 3, Remainder: 1
```

Advanced: Using the eval() Function

- `eval()` allows you to evaluate Python expressions passed as strings.

- Example:

```
user_input = input("Enter a mathematical expression: ")
result = eval(user_input)
print(f"Result: {result}")
```

- Be cautious with `eval()` as it can execute arbitrary code.

Practice Problem: Practice Problem: Calculate and Compare

- **Write a function called `compare_numbers` that:**

1. Takes two numbers as input.
2. Returns the sum, difference, and whether the first number is larger than the second.
3. After calling the function, print the results in a readable format (f-string).

- **Expected Output:**

- Given input from the user `10` and `7`

```
Sum: 17  
Difference: 3  
Is A larger: True
```

Conditionals, Loops, and Flow Control

- Conditionals allow you to execute certain code only when specific conditions are met.
- The most common conditional statement is the `if` statement.

Example:

```
if x > 0:  
    print("x is positive")
```

The if-else Structure

- An if-else structure allows you to execute one block of code if a condition is true, and another block if it is false.
- Example:

```
if x > 0:  
    print("x is positive")  
else:  
    print("x is not positive")
```

- The else block runs when the condition in the if statement is false.

The if-elif-else Structure

- You can chain multiple conditions together using `elif` (else-if) and `else`.
- Example:

```
if x > 0:
    print("x is positive")
elif x == 0:
    print("x is zero")
else:
    print("x is negative")
```

Comparison Operators

- Conditionals often use comparison operators to evaluate expressions.
- Common operators:
 - `>` : greater than
 - `<` : less than
 - `==` : equal to
 - `!=` : not equal to
 - `>=` : greater than or equal to
 - `<=` : less than or equal to

Example:

```
if age >= 18:  
    print("You are an adult.")
```

Logical Operators

- Logical operators let you combine multiple conditions.
 - `and` : True if both conditions are true.
 - `or` : True if at least one condition is true.
 - `not` : Inverts the result of the condition.

Example:

```
if age >= 18 and age < 65:  
    print("You are an adult but not a senior.")
```

Loops

- Loops let you repeat a block of code multiple times.
- The most common types of loops are for loops and while loops.

Example:

```
# For-loop  
for i in range(5):  
    print(i)
```

The `while` Loop

- A while loop continues to run as long as its condition is true.

Example:

```
count = 0
while count < 5:
    print(count)
    count += 1
```

- The loop will stop when count reaches 5.

Loop Control: `break` and `continue`

- You can control loops with `break` and `continue`:
 - `break` : Exit the loop entirely.
 - `continue` : Skip the current iteration and move to the next one.

Example:

```
for i in range(5):  
    if i == 3:  
        break  
    print(i) # Output: 0, 1, 2
```

Combining Loops and Conditionals

- Loops and conditionals work together for more complex logic.

Example:

```
for i in range(10):  
    if i % 2 == 0:  
        print(f"{i} is even")  
    else:  
        print(f"{i} is odd")
```

Nested Loops

- Loops can be nested inside other loops to handle multi-dimensional data or complex tasks.

Example:

```
for i in range(3):  
    for j in range(3):  
        print(f"i={i}, j={j}")
```


Practice Problem: Number Guessing Game

Problem:

- Write a simple number guessing game:
 - 1. The program generates a random number between 1 and 20.
 - 2. The user has 5 tries to guess the number.
 - 3. After each guess, tell the user if they were too high, too low, or correct.