

# Conditionals

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# What is a Decision Statement?

- A statement that evaluates some conditions to **true** or **false**.

```
if condition:  
    statement  
    statement ...
```

- A condition (or expression)
  - Must always evaluate to true or false, i.e., “Boolean expression”

→ 1. age = get the age from the user

age 19

2. **if the age > 20:**

**True:**

result = “Congrats! You can now rent the Two Door Speck!”

**False:**

result = “Enjoy your bicycle, uphill both ways in the snow.”

3. return result

# Calculations that Evaluate to Boolean Values

- `<` `≤` `>` `≥` all evaluate to true or false

`3 < 2` is False

- `==`, `!=` also evaluate to True or False

`3 == 3` is True

`3 == 4` is False

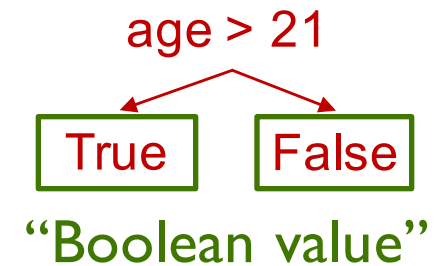
`“jello” != “blue”` is True

`5 == 5.0` is True

`type(5) == type(5.0)` is False

`‘5’ == ‘5.0’` is False

`type(‘5’) == type(‘5.0’)` is True



# Decision Structure

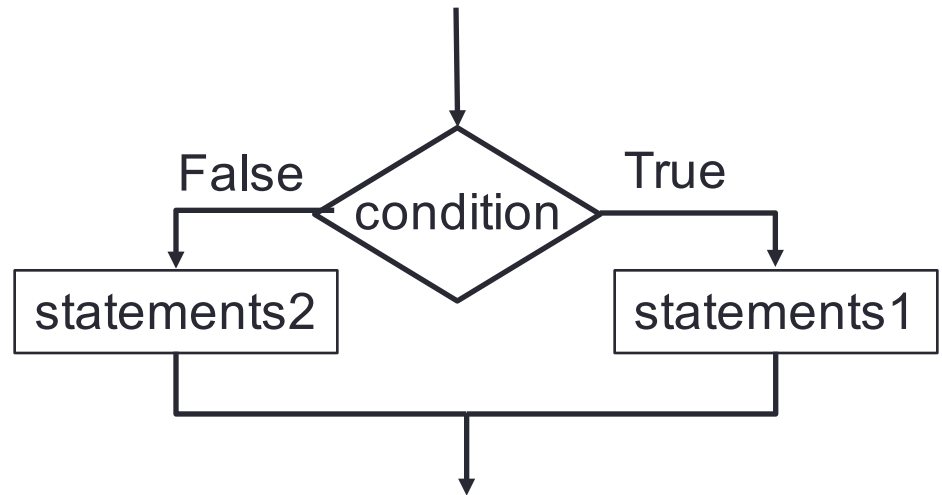
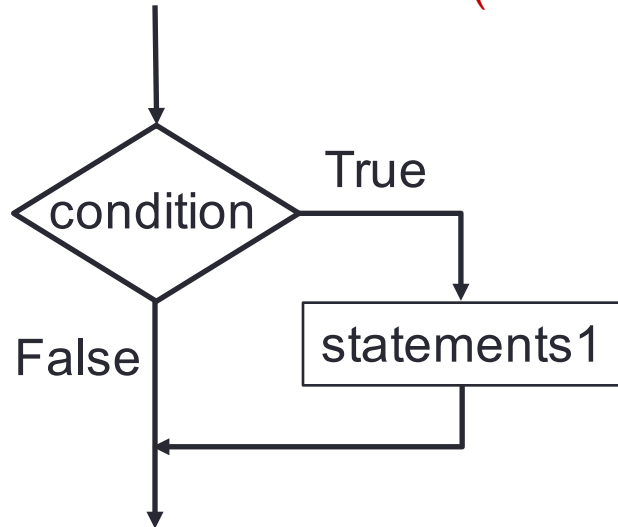
## Simple structure

```
if condition:  
    statements1
```

## Dual Structure

```
if condition:  
    statements1  
else:  
    statements2
```

Indent  
the block of statements  
(sometimes called "body")



# Two Types of Decisions

## Sequence Decision

```
if condition:
    block of statements
    ...
if condition:
    block of statements
    ...
if condition:
    block of statements
    ...
else:
    block of statements
    ...
```

## Nested Decision

```
if condition:
    block of statements
    ...
elif:
    block of statements
    ...
elif:
    block of statements
    ...
else:
    block of statements
    ...
```

- Nested decisions remember the results of decisions made before them (in the same nesting)
- Independent decisions do not

# if Statements in Python

```
if operation is addition:  
    True: result = number1 + number2  
    False: do nothing  
if operation is subtraction:  
    True: result = number1 - number2  
    False: do nothing  
if operation is multiplication:  
    True: result = number1 x number2  
    False: do nothing  
if operation is division:  
    True: result = number1 / number2  
    False: x = 3
```

```
→ if operation == "addition":  
    result = number1 + number2 ✘  
→ if operation == "subtraction":  
    result = number1 - number2 ✘  
→ if operation == "multiplication":  
    result = number1 * number2 ✘  
→ if operation == "division":  
    result = number1 / number2 ✘
```

operation "subtraction"

- `if` is a keyword, the if statement must end in a colon
- What belongs to a particular if statement is **indented**

# elif Statements in Python

if operation is addition:

True: result = number1 + number2

False: if operation is subtraction:

True: result = number1 - number2

False: if operation is multiplication:

True: result = number1 x number2

False: if operation is division:

True: result = number1 / number2

False: x = 3

```
if operation == "addition":  
    result = number1 + number2 ✘  
elif operation == "subtraction":  
    result = number1 - number2 ✘  
elif operation == "multiplication":  
    result = number1 * number2  
elif operation == "division":  
    result = number1 / number2
```

operation "multiplication"

- `elif` is a keyword; it stands for else if
- `elif` is attached to an `if` or `elif` before it, and indicates this `elif` is nested
- (you cannot have a standalone `elif`)

# if versus elif

```
operation = "addition"
→ if operation == "addition":
    result = 6
→ elif operation == "addition":
    result = 5
→ elif operation == "addition":
    result = 4

return result
```

operation "addition" result 6

- The one on the left returns 6
- **if-elif** statements are nested, linked, and mutually exclusive.

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operation = "addition"
→ if operation == "addition":
    result = 6
→ if operation == "addition":
    result = 5
→ if operation == "addition":
    result = 4

return result
```

operation "addition" result 6 5 4

- The one on the right returns 4
- The plain **if** statements are not mutually exclusive, don't know about each other, and thus all **if** statements get executed



# else statements

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1. `number1` = get the first number from the user
  2. `number2` = get the second number from the user
  3. `if ((number1 - number2) is 1) or ((number1 - number2) is -1):`  
    True: result = "consecutive"  
    False: result = "not consecutive"
  4. `return` result
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```
num1 = input("Enter number1: ")
num2 = input("Enter number2: ")
if ((num1 - num2) is 1) or ((num1 - num2) is -1):
    result = "consecutive"
else:
    result = "not consecutive"
return result
```

- **else** is a keyword, linked to an `if` or `elif`, and get executed if the `if/elif` above it is false

# else statements (2)

```
→ if operation == "addition": ✘  
    result = number1 + number2  
→ elif operation == "subtraction": ✘  
    result = number1 - number2  
→ elif operation == "multiplication": ✘  
    result = number1 * number2  
→ elif operation == "division": ✘  
    result = number1 / number2  
→ else:  
    result = "operation undefined"
```

operation

"foo"

result

operation undefined

- else only gets executed if none of the if or elif before it are true

# Indentation Matters

```
def template(num1, num2):  
    result = ""  
    → if num1 == 0:  
        result = "num1 or 0"  
    elif num1 == 1:  
        result = "num1 is 1 "  
        if num2 > 3:  
            result += "num2 > 3"  
        elif num2 > 4:  
            result += "THIS WILL NEVER RUN"  
        else:  
            result += "num2 <= 3"  
        result += " finished num1"  
    else:  
        result += "num1 is not 0 or 1"  
    → return result
```

```
→ print(template(0, 1)) "num1 is 0"  
→ print(template(1, 3))  
print(template(1, 2))  
print(template(2, 1))
```

This is another type of “nesting”, and is usually referred to as “nested if-else statements”

# Indentation Matters

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    → elif num1 == 1:
        result = "num1 is 1 "
        → if num2 > 3:
            result += "num2 > 3"
        → elif num2 > 4:
            result += "THIS WILL NEVER RUN"
        → else:
            result += "num2 <= 3"
            result += " finished num1"
    else:
        result += "num1 is not 0 or 1"
    → return result
```

```
print(template(0, 1)) "num1 is 0"
print(template(1, 3)) "num1 is 1 num2 <= 3 finished num1"
print(template(1, 2))
print(template(2, 1))
```

# Indentation Matters

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        → if num2 > 3:  
            result += "num2 > 3"  
        → elif num2 > 4:  
            result += "THIS WILL NEVER RUN"  
        → else:  
            result += "num2 <= 3"  
        result += " finished num1"  
    else:  
        result += "num1 is not 0 or 1"  
    → return result
```

```
print(template(0, 1)) "num1 is 0"  
print(template(1, 3)) "num1 is 1 num2 <= 3 finished num1"  
→ print(template(1, 2)) "num1 is 1 num2 <= 3 finished num1"  
print(template(2, 1))
```

# Indentation Matters

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            result += "num2 > 3"
        elif num2 > 4:
            result += "THIS WILL NEVER RUN"
        else:
            result += "num2 <= 3"
        result += " finished num1"
    → else:
        result += "num1 is not 0 or 1"
    → return result
```

```
print(template(0, 1)) "num1 is 0"
print(template(1, 3)) "num1 is 1 num2 <= 3 finished num1"
print(template(1, 2)) "num1 is 1 num2 <= 3 finished num1"
→ print(template(2, 1)) "num1 is not 0 or 1"
```

Indentation  
groups things

if, elif, and else are  
mutually exclusive

# Unreachable statements

```
def template(num1, num2):  
    result = ""  
    → if num1 == 0:  
        result = "num1 or 0"  
    → elif num1 == 1:  
        result = "num1 is 1 "  
        → if num2 > 3:  
            result += "num2 > 3"  
        → elif num2 > 4:  
            result += "THIS WILL NEVER RUN"  
        else:  
            result += "num2 <= 3"  
            result += " finished num1"  
    else:  
        result += "num1 is not 0 or 1"  
  
    return result
```

num1

1

num2

5

result

"num1 is 1 num2 > 3 finished num1"

print(template(1, 5))

# Programming TRAP

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- Assignment statement `x = "CSIIII"`
- Boolean expression `x == "CSIIII"`

x CSIIII



# Boolean Types

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```
def boolean_example():  
    value1 = (1 == 1)  
    value2 = True  
    value3 = False  
    return value1 and value2 and not value3
```

- **True** and **False** are both keywords and types in Python
  - Capitalization !!
- **not** is a keyword that negates a Boolean value
- The code above returns `True`

# Boolean Values and Calculations

x	y	x and y
False	False	False
False	True	False
True	False	False
<b>True</b>	<b>True</b>	<b>True</b>

x	y	x or y
<b>False</b>	<b>False</b>	<b>False</b>
False	True	True
True	False	True
True	True	True

- A boolean value must evaluate to true or false
- Two boolean values can be compared with **and** or **or**
- Use parentheses if you want to combine **and** or **or** to disambiguate; e.g.,  $(x \text{ and } y) \text{ or } z$  or  $x \text{ and } (y \text{ or } z)$   
 $x=F, y=T, z=T$   

$\underbrace{\quad F \quad}$	$\quad T$
$\quad T$	$\quad F$
- You can use any logical operators: **and** or **or** or **not**