

Objectives

- More on conditionals
- Indefinite Loops
- Wikipedia

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Quick Trick

- Printing the same string repeatedly
 - Use the `*` operator for strings
- Quick way to draw the line in the multiplication table

```
for x in xrange(0,14):
    str += "-"*5
print str
```

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Relational Operators

- Syntax:
 - `<expression> <relational_operator> <expression>`

Low precedence

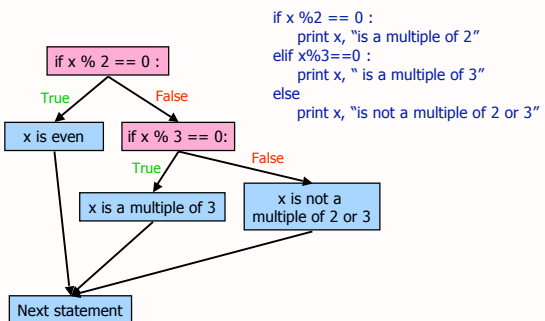
Relational Operator	Meaning
<code><</code>	Less than?
<code><=</code>	Less than or equal to?
<code>></code>	Greater than?
<code>>=</code>	Greater than or equal to?
<code>==</code>	Equals?
<code>!=</code>	Not equals?

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If-Else-If statements



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Using the building blocks: nesting if-else statements

```
if condition :
    if condition :
        statements
    else :
        statements
else :
    statements
```

if-else statement is **nested** inside the if

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if-else statement is **nested** inside the else

This structure can be rewritten as an if-elif-else statement

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Modify: Check for Other Bad Input

```
print "This program determines your birth year"
print "given your age and current year"
print
age = input("Enter your age >> ")
if age > 110:
    print "Don't be ridiculous, you can't be that old."
else:
    currentYear = input("Enter the current year >> ")
    birthyear = currentYear - age
    print
    print "You were either born in", birthyear, "or", birthyear-1
```

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Practice: Numeric to Letter Grade

- Determine if a numeric grade is a letter grade (A, B, C, D, or F)

Numeric Grade	Letter Grade
90 and above	A
80 to below 90	B
70 to below 80	C
60 to below 70	D
Below 60	F

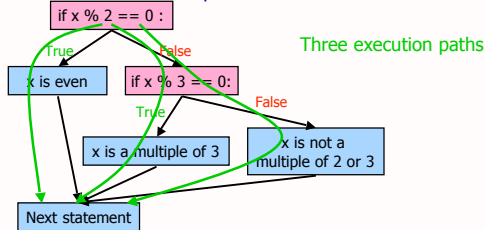
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Testing with If Statements

- Make sure have test cases that execute each branch in control flow diagram
 - i.e., Each execution path is "covered"



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More Complex Conditions

- Boolean
 - Two logical values: True and False
- Combine conditions with Boolean operators
 - and** – True only if **both** operands are True
 - or** – True if **at least one** operand is True
 - not** – True if the operand is not True
- English examples
 - If it is raining **and** it is cold
 - If it is Saturday **or** it is Sunday

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Truth Tables

operands

A	B	A and B	A or B	not A	not B	not A and B	A or not B
T	T						
T	F						
F	T						
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F	T	F	T	T	F	T	F
F	F	F	F	T	T	F	T

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What is the output?

```
x = 2
y = 3
z = 4

b = x==2
c = not b
d = (y<4) and (z<3)
d = (y<4) or (z<3)
d = not d

print b, c, d
```

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eval_cond.py

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Practice: Numeric Grade Input Range

- Enforce that user must input a numeric grade between 0 and 100
 - Using **and**
 - Using **or**

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Short-circuit Evaluation

- Don't necessarily need to evaluate all expressions in a compound expression
- For A and B
 - If A is false, compound expression is false
- For A or B
 - If A is true, compound expression is true
- No need to evaluate B
 - Put more important/limiting expression first
 - Example: `if count > 0 and sum/count > 10: do something`

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Indefinite Loops

- For loops are **definite** loops
 - Execute a fixed number of times
- Indefinite loops: keeps iterating until certain conditions are met
 - Depending on condition, no guarantee in advance of how many times the loop body will be executed

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While Loop Syntax

```
while condition :
    statements
```

← body of while loop

- Like a looped **if** statement
 - Execute statements only when condition is true

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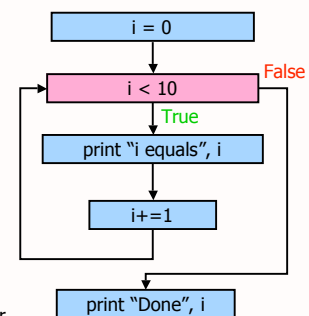
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While Loop

```
i = 0
while i < 10 :
    print "i equals ", i
    i += 1
print "Done", i
```

Questions:

- How many times will "i" get printed out?
- How many times is the condition evaluated?
- What is the value of i after the loop?



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whilevsfor.py

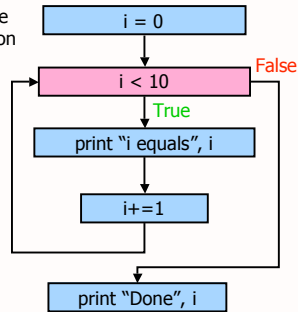
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What Will This Loop Do?

```
count = 1
while count > 0:
    print count
    count += 1
```

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Infinite Loop

- Condition will never be false so keeps executing
- To stop an executing program in Linux use
➤ Control-C

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CS Issue: Citing Wikipedia

- What were the major issues that the article brought up?
- How does this article relate to this course?

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Google Algorithms

- Google founders: Larry Page and Sergey Brin
 - Stanford CS graduate students
 - <http://infolab.stanford.edu/~backrub/google.html>
- Based on PageRank
 - `description`
 - Pages linked with same description most get higher rank
 - Rank pages linked from highly-ranked pages higher

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WikiScanner

- Virgil Griffith
 - Grad student, trouble maker :)
 - Also discovered vulnerabilities in Blackboard
- Combines information from two databases
 - IP addresses of anonymous edits
 - IP addresses belong to what companies

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resolve_ips.sh

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Google uses Linux Clusters

- Need high-performance cluster, high up-time
- Perform various functions
 - Load balancing
 - Web servers
 - Data-gathering (spidering the Web)
 - ...