

Sit with a robot partner

- Same partner or a new one, your choice – you will complete the robot exercise in class

Checkout

Session10-Conditionals
from your repository

DECISION STRUCTURES, COMPUTING WITH BOOLEANS

Exam 1

- **Thursday evening, 7 to 9 p.m.**
 - ▣ But you may stay until 10 p.m. if you wish
- Section 1: Olin 257 Section 2: Olin 259
- No class Thursday morning
- **Optional review session: Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
 - ▣ **in Moench F-217 (CSSE lab)**
 - ▣ Also, I will be in my office Thursday morning 1st through 4th periods
- Best way to start preparing:
 - ▣ Review the Exam 1 topics (see document on course web site)

Decision, Decisions

- Normally, statements in a program execute in order, one after the other
- Sometimes we want to alter the sequential flow of a program
 - ▣ What examples have we seen of this?
- Statements that alter the flow are called *control structures*
- *Decision structures* are control structures that allow programs to “choose” between different sequences of instructions

Simple Decisions

□ The **if** statement

- if <condition>:
 <body>

- Semantics:

"if the condition is **True**, run the body, otherwise skip it"

- Example:

```
if x < 0:  
    x = -x
```

□ Simple conditions

- <expr> <relop> <expr>

- Some relational operators:

Math	<	≤	=	≥	>	≠
Python	<	<=	==	>=	>	!=

Note! Why not a single equal sign?

Class Exercise

- Checkout the **Session10-Conditionals** project from your SVN repository
 - ▣ Do the first two TODO's (#0 and #1) in the **grade.py** module:
 - Your name
 - Implement the *grade1* function
 - *Return 'just barely' if the given score is 60, else do nothing (and don't return anything).*

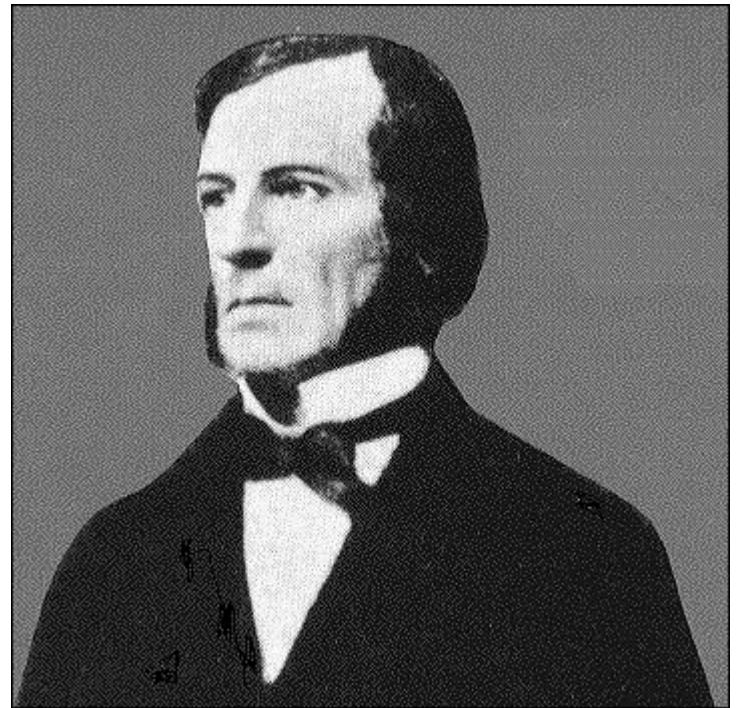
The output should be:

```
Grade1: If the score is 60, then the grade is just barely
Grade1: If the score is 61, then the grade is None
Grade1: If the score is 59, then the grade is None
```

More on Comparisons

- Conditions are *Boolean expressions*
 - ▣ They evaluate to **True** or **False**
- Try in IDLE's Python shell:

```
3 < 4  
42 > 7 ** 2  
"ni" == "Ni"  
"A" < "B"  
"a" < "B"
```



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Boolean Variables and Operations

- Boolean constants: **True**, **False**
- Relational operators (<, etc.) produce Boolean values.
- Other Boolean operators:
and, **or**, **not**

```
>>> 4 < 5
True
>>> 6 != 6
False
```

<i>P</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>P and Q</i>
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

<i>P</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>P or Q</i>
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

<i>P</i>	<i>not P</i>
T	F
F	T

- What does this evaluate to: **not((1 < 1) or (3 == 3))**
- Do TODO #2 in **grade.py**:
 - ▣ Implement *grade2*, which returns **'is a C'** or nothing.

Having It Both Ways: if-else

- Syntax:

```
if <condition> :  
    <statementsForTrue>  
else:  
    <statementsForFalse>
```
- Semantics: “If the condition is true, execute the *statementsForTrue*, otherwise execute the *statementsForFalse*”

- Example:

```
if (x >= 60) :  
    return 'passing'  
else:  
    return 'failing'
```

Tip: Use *else* whenever it makes sense, because:

- Faster (don't have to repeat the test)
- Clearer

- Do TODO #3 in **grade.py**:
 - ▣ Implement `grade3` which returns *'perfect'* or *'not perfect'*.
Note: You can do `grade3` without an *else*, because of *return*'s, but it is clearer with one.

A Mess of Nests

- Can we modify the **grade** function to return letter grades—A, B, C, D, and F?

```
def gradeNesting(score):  
    if score >= 90:  
        result = "A"  
    else:  
        if score >= 80:  
            result = "B"  
        else:  
            if score >= 70:  
                result = "C"  
            else:  
                if score >= 60:  
                    result = "D"  
                else:  
                    result = "F"  
    return result
```

Multi-way Decisions

□ Syntax:

```
if <condition1>:  
    <case 1 statements>  
elif <condition2>:  
    <case 2 statements>  
elif <condition 3>:  
    <case 3 statements>  
...  
else:  
    <default statements>
```

reach here if
condition1 is false

reach here if
condition1 is false
AND condition2 is true

reach here if BOTH
condition1 AND
condition2 are false

□ Advantages of **if-elif-else** vs. nesting

- Number of cases is clear
- Each parallel case is at same level in code
- Less error-prone

Do TODO #4 in **grade.py**:
Implement *grade4*,
which returns the letter
grade for the given score

The counting pattern

- A special case of the accumulator pattern
- Example:

```
def count_As(scores):  
    """Returns the number of A in the given list of scores"""  
    count = 0  
    for score in scores:  
        if (score >= 90):  
            count = count + 1  
    return count
```

Initialize

Loop

Count
conditionally

```
print count_As([87, 92, 100, 75, 93])
```

Finish the quiz,
then do the TODO's in the
countPassFail module.
Commit when done.